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Photo by Elmot Barnett

Oakle and William L. Spears have resided at the site of the Nuyaka Mission for nearly 53 years. Their home, originally a girls dormitory, is the only original building still standing.

## Creek school now part of history

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Writer

**N**UYAKA -- The year was 1936. The Southern Baptist Convention had abandoned the Nuyaka Mission Indian Boarding School only three years earlier, but it was nearly in shambles.

Fortunately, one person felt the mission was worth salvaging.

And thanks to Emmett E. Mount the boarding school that educated so many Muscogee youth will be given official historical status by the Oklahoma Historical Society.

The school first opened in 1885 by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions and changed hands twice before it closed in 1933.

Mount, a former Nuyaka Mission school board member, often drove past the closed school on his way to his pecan groves. He admired the dilapidated old mission.

"Emmett would pass along the road and would drive by and see the place deteriorating; he wanted to preserve it," William L. Spears, Mount's son-in-law, said.

Mount contacted Okmulgee lawyer C.D. Lewis and told him he wanted to purchase the land. Lewis notified the Southern Baptist Convention

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### About Nuyaka Mission

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
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**N**UYAKA -- Not long after Tullahassee Mission burned in 1880, Mission Superintendent Ann Augusta Robertson (Moore) realized another school for full-blood Creek children was needed.

And largely through the efforts of her sister's solicitations for money, Nuyaka Mission became a reality.

Nuyaka Mission closed 57 years ago, but the Oklahoma Historical Society's interest in making the Okmulgee County school a landmark should continue its memory.

From its beginning, Nuyaka Mission's curriculum concentrated on teaching Christian values to its students.

That was the vision of Ann Augusta Robertson and her sister Mary Alice Robertson, students at Tullahassee Mission.

Ann Augusta and Mary Alice were daughters of the Rev. William Schenck Robertson, first superintendent of Tul-

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## Council to review law code

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

**OKMULGEE** -- For the fourth time, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation criminal and traffic code bill will be considered at the National Council meeting Jan. 26.

Proponents say the bill is necessary to preserve the tribe's sovereignty. Opponents say the bill is flawed by political motivation and poorly-conceived.

There is nothing to indicate the bill won't meet the same fate it encountered before.

Principal Chief Claude Cox has sent the Council his second veto message about the bill. Cox vetoed the bill passed at a Dec. 13 Council special session.

The bill, NCA 90-112, contains the same language as an earlier law code passed in September. The code was approved by a 13-12 vote with

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## Princess resigns, says committee didn't help

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

For the second consecutive year, the elected Muscogee (Creek) Nation princess has resigned.

Dode Warrington, 1990-91 Creek Nation princess submitted her resignation in late November. In her resignation letter, Warrington wrote that she believes she fulfilled her obligations as Creek Nation Princess but received no assistance from the Princess Committee.

The former princess also said she did not receive all of her scholarship money due her as Creek Nation princess.

The princess committee is Anita Freeman, Pat Morgan, Kathy Polen and Jerrie On-the-Hill.

The committee has accepted her resignation. In a letter to Warrington, the committee wrote, "We

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# Case could alter Indian enterprise

Events that could change the way the Creek Nation -- or any other Indian tribe -- operates its business have made headlines.

The U.S. Supreme Court heard the Oklahoma Tax Commission's case against the Pottawatomie tribe during the second week of January.

The OTC claims the Pottawatomie owe \$2.7 million in state taxes. The tribe operates a convenience store on trust land near Shawnee.

The Supreme Court has ruled consistently that tribes do not have to collect state tax on merchandise sold to tribal members. The high court also has ruled the state is due taxes on merchandise, particularly tobacco products, sold to non-tribal members.

The state has no recourse however, to collect those taxes. Tribes cannot be sued because of the doctrine of sovereign immunity.

The OTC is asking the Court to overturn an appeals court decision which barred the state from seeking taxes. The OTC is asking the Court to waive tribal sovereignty.

Oklahoma City attorney Michael Minnis, representing the tribe, told the Court the OTC is looking for a judicial response when a legislative response is needed.



**JIM WOLFE**

MUSCOGEE NATION  
NEWS EDITOR

Apparently, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor agrees. O'Connor, a Reagan court appointee, told OTC attorney David Miley the state eventually would have to go to Congress for solutions to the tribal sovereignty issue.

Whether Congress has the wherewithal to address such a controversial issue has not been evidenced by any recent actions (remember the budget summit?). It's doubtful Congress would take away what few meager powers Indians have.

There is concern among the more pessimistic in Indian country. Privately, some have admitted to anxiety about the decision. One tribal official said the mere fact the court is hearing the case means doom.

The court is expected to release its ruling in July.

## Indians have lost a good friend

Oklahoma Governor Henry Bellmon will have left Oklahoma City for his Billings farm as you read this.

Creek Nation Principal Chief Claude Cox is a long-time friend of Bellmon's. Aside from being Republican Party activists, they are gentlemen farmers. Cox supported Bellmon's two runs for governor and his stint as a U.S. Senator.

Despite a seeming conflict between Indian interests and the Republican party, Cox says Bellmon has been a good friend to Indians.

Cox keeps an autographed framed photo of Bellmon in his office. The two chief executives are in touch weekly. Sometimes its serious, sometimes its political but the camaraderie of two battle-seasoned political veterans is real. Their mutual admiration did not wane though both are reportedly in their last terms of political office.

Bellmon attended Cox's retirement banquet at the October Inter-tribal meeting.

Cox didn't support the new governor, Democrat David Walters. Its unlikely Walters and the next chief will have the same rapport.

## Fast Wolf reportedly sent West

The struggle for the control of the tribe's health care system will continue for some time.

You can read the latest about the health board elsewhere. One of the principal players in that upheaval, former Indian Health Service contracting officer Steven Fast Wolf, is no longer with the IHS Oklahoma City Area Office.

How's this for irony? Reportedly, Fast Wolf has been transferred out of IHS to the U.S. Department of Defense ...

Insiders say a settlement in the IHS dispute may be reached before summer. Tribal administrators have not received any demands for payment, once routine, since a suit was filed in federal district court ...

Lost in the ongoing struggle with the health care system is the quality of care being received by tribal citizens.

Sure, the numbers are there and the graphs and figures are pretty, but is the system delivering quality care?

Perhaps people are so focused on the politics of the situation that the voices of our brothers and sisters asking for help cannot be heard. And maybe they are.

We will welcome any and all comments regarding treatment at the hospital or any of the clinics. The same is true for any tribal program or department, including the communications department.

Readers?

## Letters to the editor

### National Council speaker commends Creek veterans for their sacrifices

I would like to respond to a letter published in the December issue of *The Muscogee Nation News*.

I wish to apologize myself, for failing to recognize Nov. 11 (Veterans Day).

Sometimes in the midst of our supposedly busy schedules we forget to realize the security we have. This security is provided by our armed services.

I am a veteran of the U.S. Navy. I, too, know the feeling of leaving the shelter of the home and family to serve our country on foreign land.

I also know the feeling of the camaraderie shared by all branches of armed services.

Throughout history, the Creeks have distinguished themselves as great warriors.

A number of our veterans did not return like they left.

On behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, I wish to thank and salute all of the members of the armed services; past, present and future, for a job well done.

Sincerely,

**Ken Childers, Speaker,  
Muscogee Creek National Council**

### Oklahoma City reader notes that Creek Nation has a lot of friends

I was glad to see the article in the December 1990 issue of *The Muscogee Nation News* concerning Dr. John Moore and the grant for the tribal towns center.

I remember him from his speech (given) on the state capitol steps a few years ago following the Indian Awareness March across Oklahoma City from the Native American Center on Capitol Hill. He is a long-time friend of the Creek citizens.

Another true friend of Native Americans is singer Connie Stevens. Her testimony was on national television and her sincerity for the plight of thousands of underprivileged could be an untapped source of publicity and help for American Indians nationwide. Lets use her.

The recent conference of Metro Indian Alliance and Oklahoma Human Rights Commission

on Dec. 12, 1990, produced some good friends, maybe new friends. Oklahoma City councilman Mark Swartz, KWTU Channel 9 news anchor, Jennifer Reynolds and Lt. Governor-elect Jack Mildren publicly expressed their availability in support for financial programs for urban Indians.

Alliance president Suzanne Sockey Lester and George Tiger deserve much credit: his Inside Native America broadcast was worth repeating.

I mention these names specifically because they are ready for more participation. Lets not let them cool off.

**W.M. Snoop Knight, Oklahoma City**

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# Breakup of emergency meeting by lawmen irks Cox

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- Interim lighthouse chief Barton Williams teamed with Okfuskee County deputies to disband an emergency meeting Jan. 9 called by Principal Chief Claude Cox.

Cox, who called the meeting to wrest control of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's health-care system, said the lawmen had no authority to break up the meeting held at the Creek Nation Community

Hospital in Okemah.

Williams said, "I was just serving papers."

On Jan. 8, Cox issued an executive order placing Helen Coon and Carney Roberts on the Hospital and Clinics Board.

In the order, Cox created a three-person management committee that will include Coon, Roberts and current health board member Shelly Crow.

Crow did not attend the meeting in Okemah. She did however, receive a restraining order signed by Supreme Court Justice Mike Flud earlier

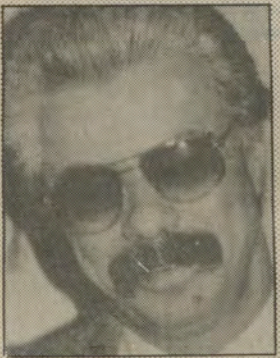
in the day.

That order says Crow constitutes the Board of Directors and has the authority to continue in her capacity until further order of the court.

Tribal administrators took exception to Williams' and Crow's actions. Cox said Flud's order made no mention to disband meetings and that Williams misled Okfuskee County officials.

Cox said Okfuskee County lawmen did not know the legal status of the hospital before they

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Gayler



Dan

## Community hospital picks employees of month, year

OKEMAH -- Tom Gayler, director of radiology at the Creek Nation Community Hospital and Clinic was selected employee of the month.

Cynthia Dan, Okemah Indian Health Clinic pharmacist technician, was selected December employee of the month.

Selections were made by the employee of the month committee, which reviewed employee of the month nominees from October 1989 through December 1990.

Gayler, based upon his job knowledge, attendance, cooperation, dependability, initiative, attitude and appearance, was a unanimous selection, said Rita Williams, committee chairperson and clinic insurance clerk.

Gayler has been employed with the hospital for seven years and was October employee of the month.

"He was nominated on his sincerity to truly care about his patients and the respect shown for them regardless of race," Williams said.

Gayler is Creek-Seminole and was born and raised in rural Wewoka. He is the son of Emma Gayler and Clarence Gayler.

Dan has been employed at the clinic since June 1990 and was selected as employee of the month.

"Cynthia is a hardworker, punctual, efficient and the fact that she is bilingual adds to the importance of communication with those patients who cannot speak or understand English very well," said Doris Roanhorse, clinic medical records department head.

Employees of the month from October to December:

Lorna Phillips, October '89; Helen Tiger, November '89; Mark Wellington, December '89; Wisey McGirt, January; Susie Winters, February; Mehroban Khodadadian, March; Betsy Tiger and Elzona Curtis, April; Della Carter, May; Stephanie Pigeon, June; Shelia Draper, July; Beverly Jones, August; Paula Logan, September; Gayler, October; Gale Smith, November and Dan, December.

## Council OKs, Chief vetoes bills on agribusiness, criminal codes

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved two bills, which later were vetoed by Principal Chief Claude Cox.

The two bills are expected to be reconsidered at the Jan. 26 meeting. Inclement weather forced the postponement of two attempts to hold the December meeting.

Approved at the Dec. 13 meeting were the tribal criminal and traffic code and a bill requiring a reimbursement to the agribusiness account.

The agribusiness reimbursement bill would have taken \$33,422.25 from the natural resources contract and placed the money in the agribusiness account in Checotah.

The money is supposed to be for services and funds provided by the agribusiness in weed and brush control on tribal property. The bill would have required 85 percent of the manager and two employees' salaries to be subsidized from the natural resources contract.

The natural resources contract is a Public Law 93-638 agreement contracted by the tribe for services that will improve natural resources like water and soil.

Tribal affairs director Buddy York said historically, the tribe has used monies from the natural resources contract on the farm because most of the Creek Nation land is contained in those tracts at Hanna and Dustin.

That has stopped since the Bureau of Indian Affairs determined the agribusiness was a profit-

making business and natural resources funds cannot be used in such endeavors, York said.

Other administration objections to the bill are: -- retroactive payments for work not performed on federal contracts violates regulations.

-- transfer of federal funds to an account outside tribal administration controls is not fiscally sound.

-- tribal administrators have not received comprehensive reports from the agribusiness.

-- the agribusiness has deficiencies that warrant an investigation.

Both vetoed bills are expected to be reconsidered at the Jan. 26 Council session in Okmulgee. Here's how they voted:

**NCA 90-112** Tribal traffic and criminal code: For the bill: Richard Berryhill, Thomas Berryhill, Larry Bible, Ken Childers, Clarence Cloud, Bill Fife, Ed Frye, Harley Little, Thomas McIntosh, Tommy Pickering, Donna Rhodes, Jerry Wilson, and Thomas Yahola

Against the bill: Eugene Birdcreek, Johnson Buck, Robert Buck, Mose Cahwee, Helen Chupco, Irene Cleghorn, Helen Duncan, Tony Hale, Mae Jackson, Clyde Johnson, Charlie Litsey and Earl Wheeler.

**NCA 90-126** reimbursing agribusiness: For the bill: Thomas Berryhill, Bible, Cahwee, Cloud, Fife, Frye, Litsey, Little, McIntosh, Pickering, Rhodes, Wilson and Yahola.

Against the bill: Richard Berryhill, Birdcreek, Johnson Buck, Robert Buck, Chupco, Duncan, Hale, Jackson, Johnson and Wheeler.

Chupco abstained.

## Oklahoma City Creek group seeks judicial branch review

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association alleges the tribal court clerk's office is mismanaged and wants the Supreme Court to review office procedures.

In a Jan. 8 letter to Chief Justice Joe Johnson signed by Buddy Cox and Mae Jackson of the OCMA, the association alleges it was denied transcripts and reports from its case against National Council Speaker Ken Childers. The letter also alleges the OCMA was denied a court-appointed legal representation.

The OCMA filed suit against Childers and Barton Williams seeking the Court to reverse

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## Task force for BIA tabs Creek official as advisor

MUSKOGEE -- Muscogee (Creek) Nation executive director Gary Breshears has been tabbed for service on the Tribal Advisory Task Force for the Muskogee Area office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Also selected were former Creek Nation executive director Mark Downing, now with the Cherokee Nation and Bill Follis, Modoc Chief who represents eight northeastern Oklahoma tribes.

Nominees were submitted by tribal administrators and will work with BIA director Eddie Brown for the reorganization of the BIA, said Merritt Youngdeer, director of the Muskogee Area office of the BIA.

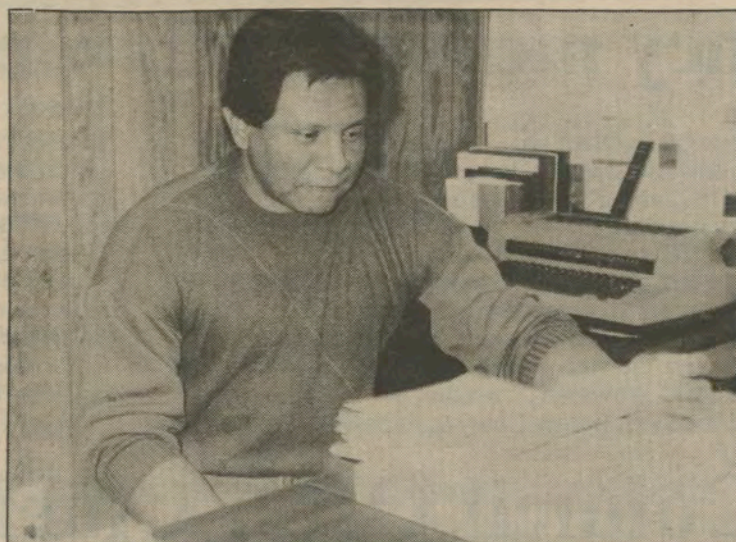
"At a meeting last September, the Sec-

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## Lowering delinquent payments: It's his job

By TOMMY CUMMINGS  
MNN Managing Editor



David Proctor will be categorizing mutual help home owners, trying to determine who has delinquent payments.

OKMULGEE -- It's simple: Pay and stay. David Proctor, counselor for the Creek Nation Housing Authority, said his search for people with delinquent mutual help home payments will follow that philosophy.

"We're not trying to get people out of their houses -- that's not our intention," Proctor said. "We just need them to pay up."

Proctor was hired in December by the housing authority to cut down on payment delinquencies on mutual help homes within Creek Nation. The federally-funded housing authority has approximately 1,700 mutual help homes scattered throughout the tribe's traditional boundaries.

Sam Whitlow, executive director of the authority, estimated 30 percent of these housing attendants are behind in payments.

Already, it has cost the authority an additional 20 housing units. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development turned down the authority's application for the units because of high delinquency rates.

Delinquency rates, like payments, are determined monthly. Whitlow told the authority at its December meeting that more than 30 percent of the units have payments that are delinquent.

Whitlow said he told the housing authority board the number of delinquencies will be at least cut in half within the year.

Proctor will be working toward that goal. He's currently counseling those behind in mutual help home payments and working out arrangements. He's also been busy categorizing those who have donated sites (from restricted land) and determining jurisdictional parameters.

He's found people who indeed have trouble

meeting payments and he's found those who have no intention of fulfilling their mutual help obligations.

Proctor said some people who owe anywhere from \$200 to \$3,000 on back payments. He said the housing authority had 30 tenants taken to district court for collection but it will have to start over because the cases were released from judgement.

They will be pursued again once the categorizations are complete and jurisdiction is determined.

Proctor said the emphasis by the housing authority is not on increasing evictions, but reducing delinquency cases. His responsibilities are first to counsel and make arrangements for payments.

"We're not targeting anybody," Proctor said. "Those who are delinquent know it, know they have to pay it. We want to work with them."

"It makes it harder on everyone else when they don't pay. It makes it harder for the housing authority to operate."

Most of those who've fallen behind on payments are young adults, who consider paying a home farther down their list of priorities, Proctor said.

The older tenants, those on a fixed income, "have already budgeted and they're not as many of them," he said.

Many tenants pay as little as \$30 a month for their homes, Proctor said. Some pay as much as \$345.

"You're not going to find a better deal out there and you're not going to find many places nearly as lenient (on delinquencies)," he said.

George Farris, housing authority chairman, said collecting will not be easy: "The economy is such now that the delinquencies will be harder to collect."

## Get warmer, see better with these tribal programs

If you're an eligible Creek citizen, programs are designed to help keep you warmer and at least able to see your heating bills this winter.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Tribal Energy Assistance Program will be taking applications at eight locations throughout January.

At the same time, the Creek Nation Elderly Eyeglass Program will be taking applications.

For the energy assistance programs, eligibility requirements include:

- a certificate degree of Indian blood (CDIB) card and Creek Nation Tribal Citizenship (pink) card;

- copies of income verification (check stubs, etc.);

- heating bill;

- be 50 years

- and older (priority

- given to 60 years

- and older);

- and cannot have

- been assisted from

- a tribal, federal or

- state program that paid an energy bill.

For the elderly eyeglass program, eligibility requirements include:

- be 50 years and older;

- a CDIB card (must bring copy for filing purposes);

- verification of complete household income and be within guidelines set by the February 1990 Federal Register (copy necessary for filing purposes);

- and must reside in Creek Nation boundaries.

### Energy and eyeglass assistance sites

Jan. 14 Monday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tulsa District: Tulsa Native American Coalition.

Jan. 14 Monday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Creek District: Bristow Indian Community Center.

Jan. 15 Tuesday, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Muskogee District, Muskogee Indian Community Center.

Jan. 15 Tuesday, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Wagoner District, Coweta Indian Community Center.

Jan. 16 Wednesday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Hughes District, Holdenville Indian Community Center, Holdenville.

Jan. 16 Wednesday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Okfuskee District, Okemah Indian Community Center.

Jan. 17 Thursday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. McIntosh District, Eufaula Indian Community Center.

Jan. 17 Thursday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Okmulgee District, Okmulgee Indian Community Center.

### 1990 POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES

Family size	Guideline
1	\$ 6,280
2	\$ 8,420
3	\$10,560
4	\$12,700
5	\$14,840
6	\$16,980
7	\$19,120
8	\$21,260

For household units with more than eight members, add \$2,140 at 100 percent of poverty.

\* Per Federal Register, dated Feb. 16, 1990.

### LIHEAP INCOME GUIDELINES

Family/annual/monthly		
1	\$ 9,420	\$ 785
2	\$12,630	\$1,053
3	\$15,840	\$1,320
4	\$19,050	\$1,588
5	\$22,260	\$1,855
6	\$25,470	\$2,123
7	\$28,680	\$2,390
8	\$31,890	\$2,658

## Tribal towns awaiting diabetes grant notice

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Writer

OKEMAH -- The Mvskokullke Etlwa Etelaketa's diabetes nursing project possibly could begin as early as Jan. 10, it was announced at the organization's December meeting.

Dr. Sharol Jacobson, University of Oklahoma School of Nursing research director, said her group is awaiting an award notice and letter of credit from the National Institutes of Health.

The letter is expected to arrive Jan. 10. "We will officially be in business on that day," she said.

Lois Yahola, the organization's publicity per-

son, reported she has been mailing press releases, regarding the confederacy's meetings and activities, to newspapers within Muscogee Nation boundaries for the past three months.

In old business, a motion was made to pay November bills.

In new business, organization members discussed the need for more heating devices and insulation for the center.

A motion was made and passed to hold a dinner to raise funds for the purchase and installation of insulation.

Because of inclement weather the dinner was cancelled. A new date will be set at a later time.



# Criminal & Traffic Code

Special 4-page  
pullout section

Listed is the proposed Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Criminal and Traffic Code. The code has been passed twice by the National Council and vetoed twice by the Executive Branch. The veto override is scheduled to be considered at the Jan. 26 National Council meeting.

## Section 102.

### Chapter One: MCN Law & Order Code

#### Section 1-100 General Criminal Jurisdiction

A. The Tribal Court shall have jurisdiction over all offenses enumerated in this code, or in other enactments of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

B. The jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Courts shall be consistent with Article 1 S 2 of the MC Constitution as it may be limited or enlarged, or by Acts of Congress or Federal Supreme Court decisions.

### Chapter Two: General Criminal Procedure

#### Section 1-200 Complaints

Prosecution for violation of this code shall be by complaint. No complaint filed in the court shall be valid unless it bear the signature of the plaintiff or complaining witness, and the designated tribal attorney of the MCN, witnessed by the clerk, a police officer, a police employee, or a licensed notary public, provided, that citations issued pursuant to this code shall satisfy this section.

#### Section 1-201 Limitations of filing complaint

No complaint shall be filed charging the commission of any offense defined by this code unless the offense shall have been committed within a year period prior to the date of the complaint. If the complaint has been filed within the year period the statute of limitations shall be tolled.

#### Section 1-202 Hot pursuit

Any police officer who observes any person on MCN Tribal Property committing his offense defined by the code or by federal law or who has probable cause to believe that the person has committed an offense or who shall have a warrant commanding him to apprehend the person may pursue and capture the person or seize and impound the property in his possession if he attempts to flee the tribal property.

#### Section 1-203 Grounds for arrest

No member of the CN LHA Police department or other law enforcement officer of the tribe shall arrest or apprehend any person for an alleged criminal offense except under the following circumstances:

- (1) when such offense shall occur in the presence of an arresting officer; or
- (2) when the arresting officer shall have probable cause to believe that the person to be arrested has committed such offense; or
- (3) when the arresting officer acts pursuant to warrant executed by the MCN court commanding him to arrest such person.

#### Section 1-204 Search pursuant to arrest or warrant

No member of the MCN LHA PD nor any law enforcement officer of the tribe shall search the person or property of any person, without the consent of that person, unless the search is incident to a lawful arrest or pursuant to a warrant for search and seizure issued by the MCN court. If the search is incident to a lawful arrest, the arresting officer may search the person so arrested, and his property then under his direct immediate control, to locate and

## A historical perspective of tribal law enforcement

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

Two years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court let stand a ruling allowing the Muscogee (Creek) Nation courts to have jurisdiction over tribal members and allowed the tribe to establish a police force.

Without comment the justices let stand a Washington, D.C. appeals court ruling that left intact the tribe's power to establish tribal courts with civil and criminal jurisdiction.

Tribal courts were recreated in 1982 with the passage and signing of NCA 82-30, the judicial code. Then, the tribal court was given jurisdiction of civil and criminal cases involving tribal members.

In 1985, tribal administrators sought federal funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for court operations. The BIA balked, saying the tribe had no authority to establish courts since the passage of 1898 Curtis Act.

The tribe filed suit against Donald Hodel, then Secretary of U.S. Department of Interior. In *Muscogee (Creek) Nation vs. Hodel*, the tribe argued successfully the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of 1936 authorized tribes to reorganize for their common welfare.

Since that January 1989 Supreme Court action, Creek Nation courts have been funded with Aid To Tribal Government monies, tribal taxation funds and bingo revenues.

State and county law enforcement agents have begun refusing to respond to situations involving Indians on tribal lands. This past summer, the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety instructed the Oklahoma Highway Patrol not to become involved in situations involving Indians on Indian land.

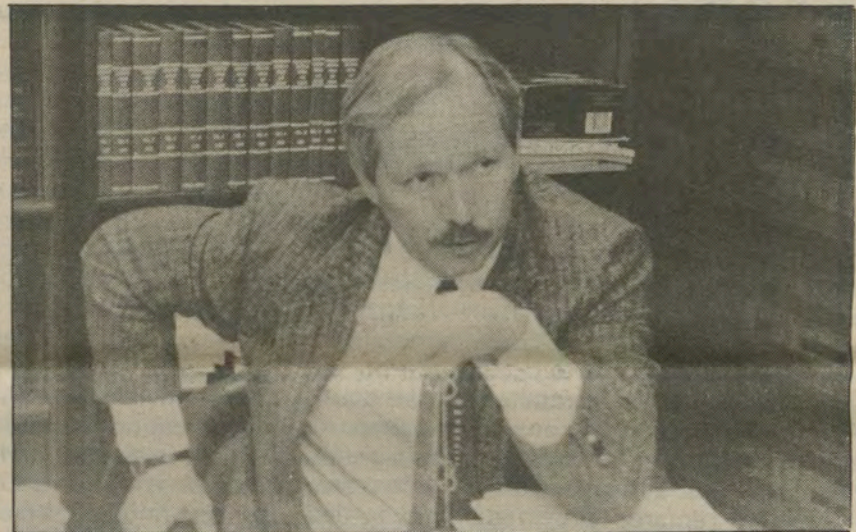
More recently, the Bristow fire and police departments were instructed by Creek County District Attorney Lantz McClain to do nothing more than gather evidence at an attempted arson at the Bristow Indian Community feed store.

McClain was introduced to the complexities of jurisdictions when he became involved with a murder committed by an Indian on Indian

land. Congress, however, passed the Major Crimes Act that gives federal jurisdiction on capital and other significant offenses committed by Indians against another on Indian land.

Tribal administrators contend it is the responsibility of the federal government to provide adequate funding for law enforcement.

Because of the Creek victory in the Hodel case, more than \$1.5 million was given to the Muskogee Area BIA office to provide federal officers and Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) courts for the 14 tribes in that jurisdiction.



Chief Justice Joe Johnson presides over the current Creek Nation judicial system.

Creek District Court Judge Patrick Moore claims the BIA will give the tribe a portion of those funds if a criminal code is in place.

Tribal administrators aren't as certain. Principal Chief Claude Cox says the expense for enough tribal officers to police the eight districts of the Creek Nation is prohibitive for the tribe and the BIA is not going to provide enough funding.

An adequate communications system would have to be purchased. Housing and transferring prisoners would be a problem because a detention facility would have to meet federal standards, etc.

Presently, the tribe is without law enforcement. The most recent attempt to adopt a code created a split in the Council voting and was vetoed by Cox.

Though no one denies the need for protection of tribal citizens and property, no one yet has determined what means will be used to reach the desired end: equal protection under the law.

prevent the use of weapons and to prevent the destruction of evidence of the commission of a criminal offense.

#### Section 1-205 Warrants for Arrests

The tribal court shall have the authority to issue warrants for arrests. Such warrants may be issued ex parte, without a hearing, but only

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upon satisfaction of the issuing judge that there is probable lawful cause for the arrest. Such a warrant may be issued only upon a written complaint filed with the tribal court, bearing the signature of the complainant or complaining witness, based upon reliable information or belief, which charges the commission of a criminal offense. Service of warrants for arrest shall be made only by a member of the tribal police department or other duly authorized law enforcement officer of the tribe.

## **Section 1-206 Duties of Officer**

A police officer who makes an arrest, search or seizure, shall proceed as follows:

(1) the officer shall inform the person to be arrested of his Miranda rights prior to any questioning in custody

(2) the officer shall advise the person in control or possession of the premises to be searched or property to be seized of his rights to consent to a search or to refuse and require an issuance of a search warrant prior to making a search or seizure.

(3) the officer shall advise the person to be arrested or the person in control or possession of premises to be searched or property to be seized whether he has a search warrant.

## **Chapter 3: Bail**

### **Section 1-300 Eligibility for bail**

Any person charged with a criminal offense may be admitted to bail by the tribal court at any time prior to final judgement on the charge, or pending appeal on the final judgement to the appeals court, in accordance with the provision of this chapter.

### **Section 1-301 Cash or surety bond**

The court may require, as a condition of bail, the posting of a surety bond which in the opinion of the tribal court will ensure his appearance at all times and places lawfully required.

### **Section 1-302 Promise to appear**

In the discretion of the tribal court, the court may admit a person to bail who promises in writing to appear before that tribal court or the appeals court, as applicable, at all times and places lawfully required; provided however, the tribal court shall not admit a person to bail upon such promise if the tribal court is not reasonably satisfied that the person seeking bail will appear when and where required.

### **Section 1-303 Terms and conditions**

In permitting any person to bail, the tribal court may set such terms and conditions therefore as the court, in its discretion, may deem necessary or appropriate.

### **Section 1-304 Ineligibility for bail**

A person shall not be admitted to bail when he is in an intoxicated condition.

### **Section 1-304 Violation of terms and conditions**

Violation by any person of any of the terms and conditions of his bail, or his failure to appear when and where lawfully required by them, shall be contempt of court which shall be punished by the tribal court in the manner prescribed by this code, in addition, the tribal court may order the bond to be forfeited and may issue a warrant for the arrest of the violator.

### **Section 1-306 Return of bail or bond**

Any cash bond which has not been ordered to be forfeited shall be returned upon final judgement on the charge, including completion of any appeal by the appeals court.

## **Chapter 4: Citations**

### **Section 1-400 Citation in lieu of detention**

Whenever a person is arrested for a violation of this code, the arresting officer, or any other officer, may serve upon the arrested person a

citation and notice to appear in court in lieu of keeping the person in custody or requiring bail or bond. In determining whether to issue a citation and notice to appear, the officer may consider the following factors:

(1) whether the person has identified himself satisfactorily.

(2) whether detention appears reasonably necessary to prevent imminent bodily harm to himself or to another, injury to property, or breach of the peace.

(3) whether the person has ties to the MC tribe or is a local resident, so as to provide reasonable assurance of his appearance before the court, or whether there is substantial likelihood that he will refuse to respond to the citation.

(4) whether the person previously has failed to appear in response to a citation issued pursuant to this section or to other lawful process of the court.

### **Section 1-401 Citation contempt**

(1) the citation written to the offender by the officer shall include the name of the person, his address, date of birth and sex, the date, time, place and description of the offense charged, the date on which the citation was issued, and the name of citing officer. A space shall be provided for the person to sign a promise to appear.

(2) To secure his release, the person must give his written promise to appear in court as required by the citation.

(3) The citation shall also state the time and place at which the person is to appear in court to hear the charges against him and post bail, which shall be not less than five days after the date of the citation, nor more than 30 days after the date of citation.

### **Section 1-402 Citation effect, procedure**

(1) The citation when completed by the officer shall serve as the complaint for purpose of prosecution in court.

(2) If a defendant fails to appear, the judge shall issue a warrant of arrest and shall order any bail deposited by the defendant forfeited.

## **Chapter 5: Offenses**

### **Section 1-500 abduction**

Any Indian who shall willfully take away or detain another person against his or her will, or without the consent of the parent or other person having lawful care of charge of him or her shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed six (6) months or to fine not to exceed \$360, or to both such labor and fine, with costs.

### **Section 1-501 assault**

Any Indian who shall attempt or threaten bodily harm to another person through unlawful force or violence shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed 30 days or to a fine not to exceed \$100, or to both such labor and fine, with costs, and may be required to furnish a satisfactory peace bond for one year.

### **Section 1-502 Assault and battery**

Any Indian who shall willfully strike another person or otherwise inflict bodily injury or who shall, by offering violence, cause another to harm himself shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed six (6) months or to a fine not to exceed \$60, or to both such labor and fine, with costs, and may be required to furnish a satisfactory peace bond for one year.

### **Section 1-503 bribery**

Any Indian who shall give or offer to give money, property or services or anything else of value to another person with corrupt intent to influence another in the discharge of his public duties or conduct and any Indian shall accept, solicit or attempt to solicit any bribe, as above defined, shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed six (6) months or to a fine not to exceed \$360, or to both such labor and fine, with costs, and any tribal office held by such person shall be forfeited.

### **Section 1-505 Carrying concealed weapons**

Any Indian who shall go about in public places armed with a dangerous weapon concealed upon his person shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed 30 days or a fine not to exceed \$60, or both labor and fine, with costs, and the weapon so carried may be confiscated.

### **Section 1-506 Contributing to delinquency of a minor**

Any Indian who shall willfully contribute to the delinquency of any minor shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed six months or a fine not to exceed \$360, or both to such labor and fine, with costs.

### **Section 1-507 Disobedience to lawful order of tribal courts**

Any Indian who shall willfully disobey any order, subpoena, warrant or command duly issued, made, or given by the MCN court or any officer thereof, shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to a fine not to exceed \$5,000.

### **Section 1-508 Disposing of property of an estate**

Any Indian who, without proper authority, sells, trades, or otherwise disposes of any property of an estate before the determination of the heirs, shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to a fine not to exceed the value of the property disposed of. Such funds to be held in trust until a proper court order of distribution is made which may be in federal court or state court.

### **Section 1-509 Disorderly conduct**

Any Indian who shall engage in fighting in a public place, disturb or annoy any public or religious assembly or appear in a public place or private place or home in an intoxicated and disorderly condition or who shall engage in any other act of public indecency or immorality, shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed 30 days or to a fine not to exceed \$60, or to both such labor and fine, with costs.

### **Section 1-510 Embezzlement**

Any Indian who shall, having lawful custody of property not his own, appropriate the same to his use with intent to deprive the owner thereof shall be deemed guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed six months or to a fine not to exceed \$360, or to both such labor and fine with costs. As used in this section, embezzlement shall include the spending of minors funds by funds by parents or guardians for other than the purpose for which the funds were placed in custody of the parents or guardians.

### **Section 1-512 Extortion**

Any Indian who shall willfully obtain property from another induced by wrongful use of actual or threatened force, violence, or fear, or under



color of official right, shall be guilty of extortion, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed 30 days or to a fine not to exceed \$60, or to both such labor and fine, with costs.

#### **Section 1-513 False arrest**

Any Indian who shall willfully and knowingly make, or cause to be made, the unlawful arrest, detention or imprisonment of another person shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed six months or to a fine not to exceed \$360, or to both such labor and fine with costs.

#### **Section 1-514 fraud**

Any Indian, who shall, by willful misrepresentation or deceit or by false interpreting or by use of false weights or measure, obtain any money or other property shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed six months or to a fine not to exceed \$360, or to both such labor and fine, with costs.

#### **Section 1-515 Forgery**

Any Indian who shall, with intent to defraud, falsely sign, execute, or alter any written instrument, shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not exceed six months or to a fine not to exceed \$360 or to both such labor and fine with costs.

**Section 1-516 Illegal or unauthorized sale or purchase of any trust or other property furnished or made available under programs sponsored by the tribe**

Any Indian who sells or buys or in any way disposes of or who acquires any federal property or who wrongfully appropriates property made available or furnished pursuant to tribally conducted and government approved programs shall be guilty of an offense and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed twelve months or to a fine not to exceed \$180, or to both such labor and fine, with costs.

#### **Section 1-517 Injury to public property**

Any Indian who shall without proper authority use or injure any public, government or tribal property, shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor not to exceed 30 days or to a fine not to exceed \$60, or to both such labor and fine, with costs.

#### **Section 1-518 Malicious mischief**

Any Indian who shall maliciously disturb, injure, or destroy any livestock or other domestic animal or other property shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed six months or to a fine not to exceed \$360, or to both such labor and fine, with costs.

#### **Section 1-519 Maintaining a public nuisance**

Any Indian who shall act in such a manner or permit his property to fall into such a condition as to annoy, injure or endanger the safety, health, comfort or property of his neighbor's or others or shall unlawfully interfere with, obstruct or render dangerous for passage any public park or highway, shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed three months or to a fine not to exceed \$180, or to both labor and fine, with costs; and may be required to remove such nuisance when ordered by the MCN court.

#### **Section 1-520 Perjury**

Any Indian who shall willfully and deliberately, in any judicial proceedings in any court of the tribe, falsely swear or interpret, or shall

make a sworn statement or affidavit knowing the same to be untrue, or shall induce or procure another person to do so, shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed six months or to a fine not to exceed \$5,000, or to both such labor and fine, with costs.

#### **Section 1-521 receiving stolen property**

Any Indian who shall receive or conceal or aid in concealing or receiving any property, knowing the same to be stolen, embezzled or obtained by fraud or false pretense, robbery or burglary, shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed three months or to a fine not to exceed \$180 or to both such labor and fine, with costs.

#### **Section 1-522 refusing to aid officer**

Any Indian who shall neglect or refuse when called upon by any MCN Lighthorsemen Police or other police officer of the United States, to assist in the arrest of any person charged with or convicted of an offense or in securing such offender when apprehended or in conveying such offender to the nearest place of confinement shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed 10 days or to a fine not to exceed \$20.00, or to both such labor and fine, with costs.

#### **Section 1-523 Resisting lawful arrest**

Any Indian who shall willfully and knowingly, by force or violence, resist or assist another person to resist lawful arrest shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed 60 days or to a fine not to exceed \$120, or to both such labor and fine, with costs.

**Section 1-524 violence to policemen and others.**

Any Indian who shall willfully or knowingly by force or violence render physical abuse to a policeman, judge of the MCN courts, member of the National Council, Chief, Vice-chief, or tribal employee shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed 90 days (non-suspendible) or to a fine not to exceed \$360, or to both such labor and fine with costs.

**Section 1-526 Assault with intent to commit rape**

Any Indian who shall commit rape shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed six months or to a fine not to exceed \$360, or both such labor and fine, with costs.

**Section 1-527 Carnal knowledge of person under 16**

Any Indian who shall have sexual intercourse with any person under the age of 16 years or any Indian who aids or permits any such violation shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed six months or to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or both labor and fine with costs.

#### **Section 1-528 Forcible entry, etc.**

Every Indian person subject to the jurisdiction of the MCN court guilty of using, or procuring, encouraging, or assisting another to use force or violence in entering upon or detaining any lands, buildings, or other possessions owned by the MCN or by any persons, corporation or organization except in the cases and manner allowed or prescribed by law, shall be guilty of an offense and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to labor not to exceed six months or to fine not less than \$50, and not to exceed

\$1,000, or to both such labor and fine, with costs as assessed by the tribal court.

**Section 1-529 marijuana and controlled substance**

Any Indian who shall plant, grow, cultivate, harvest, or gather, sell, barter, or give away or have in possession any cannabis, commonly known as hemp, hashish, or marijuana shall be guilty of an offense and upon conviction, shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed six months, or to a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or to both such labor and fine with costs.

#### **Section 1-530 Protective custody**

Any Indian person who through physical or mental disability or habitual intemperance, is unable to care for himself, may be taken into protective custody and held in the jail without criminal charges for a period not to exceed 24 hours.

### **Title 2: Traffic Code**

#### **Chapter One: Motor vehicles and highways**

##### **Section 2-100 Driving without a license**

(1) No Indian shall drive a motor vehicle on tribal property without a valid drivers license.  
(2) Any Indian convicted of violating this section shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed 609 days or to a fine not to exceed \$120, or to both such labor and fine, with costs.

**Section 2-101 Minor operating with a motor vehicle**

Any minor Indian who operates a motor vehicle on the tribal property must comply with the tribal traffic laws. Any violation of any state law shall constitute an offense and any minor Indian convicted of violating this section shall be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed 30 days or to a fine not to exceed \$50, or to both such imprisonment and fine, with costs.

**Section 2-102 Driving a motor vehicle w/o the consent**

No Indian shall operate a motor vehicle without the consent and knowledge of the owner of such vehicle.

**Section 1-103 Driving without required registration**

No Indian shall start a vehicle which is stopped, standing, or parked unless such vehicle complies with tribal registration laws.

**Section 2-104 Starting, turning and stopping without regard to safety.**

(1) No Indian shall start a vehicle which is stopped, standing, or parked unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety.

(2) No Indian shall turn a vehicle at an intersection unless the vehicle is in such position on the roadway that such movement can be made with reasonable safety and a signal of intention to turn right or left, when required, has been given continuously during not less than the last 100 feet travelled by the vehicle before turning.

(3) No Indian shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of the vehicle without first giving an appropriate signal to the driver of any vehicle immediately to the rear when there is opportunity to give such signal.

(4) The signals herein required shall be given either by means of the standard hand and arm signals or by mechanical or electrical signal device.

(5) Every Indian driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection with a stop sign or a flashing red light, shall stop on the near side of the intersection or railroad grade crossing, at the point where he has a view of approaching traffic and shall not proceed until the intersection is clear.



(6) No vehicle shall at any time be driven through, over, or within a safety zone.

## Section 2-105 Speeding

(1) Every person operating or driving a vehicle of any character on MCN tribal property or street shall drive in a careful and prudent manner and at a rate of speed no greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing at the point of operation, taking into account the amount and character of traffic, brakes, condition of surface, freedom from obstruction to view ahead and the rights of any other person entitled to the use of the street or roadway.

(2) Where no special hazard exists that requires lower speed for compliance with above, any speed not in excess of the limits specified in this section shall be lawful but it is illegal for any person to drive at any speed in excess of the limits in this section.

A. 25 miles per hour in any urban district unless a different speed limit is posted;

B. 15 miles per hour when passing a school during recess or when children are coming to or from school during opening or closing hours;

C. 20 miles per hour when approaching within 50 feet of a railroad grade crossing or highway intersection or when the driver's view is obstructed within a distance of 100 feet.

## Section 2-106 Reckless driving

(1) Any person who drives a vehicle carelessly and heedlessly or in willful or wanton disregard of the rights or safety of others or without due caution and circumspection and at a speed or in a manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property of another is guilty of reckless driving.

(2) Every person convicted of reckless driving shall be punished by labor for a period of not more than 30 days or to a fine not to exceed \$100, or to both such labor and fine, with costs.

(3) For the commitment of an offense under this section while under the influence of liquor, the offender may be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed six months or to a fine not to exceed \$360, or to both such labor and fine, with costs.

## Section 2-107 failure to drive on right side of roadway

(1) Upon all roadways of sufficient width, the driver of a vehicle shall drive upon the right half of the highway except:

A. when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction;

B. when the right half of the roadway is closed to traffic while under construction or repair of sign- posted for one-way traffic or other conditions.

(2) No person shall, at any time, drive a vehicle to the left side of the roadway:

A. When approaching the crest of a grade or upon a curve in the highway where the operator's view of the highway is obstructed within such a distance as to create a hazard in the event another vehicle might approach from the opposite direction;

B. when approaching within 100 feet of or traversing any intersection or railroad crossing, or:

C. when the view is obstructed upon approaching within 100 feet of any bridge, viaduct or tunnel.

## Section 2-108 Following too closely

the driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard to the speed of such vehicle and the traffic upon the condition of the roadway.

## Section 2-109 failure to observe school zone

Any driver who, drives through a school zone at a greater speed than 15 miles per hour shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed 30 days or to a fine not to exceed \$60, or to both such imprisonment and fine, with costs.

## Section 2-110 Failure to stop for school bus flashing lights

(1) every driver shall stop before reaching a school bus receiving or discharging school children when flashing lights are in operation and shall not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or signaled by the driver to proceed.

(2) any driver failing to stop and wait at such signal shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to labor for a period not to exceed 30 days or to a fine not to exceed \$120, or to both such imprisonment and fine, with costs.

## Section 2-111 Failure to yield to right-of-way

(1) The driver of a vehicle about to enter or cross a highway from a private drive or road shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the highway.

(2) when two vehicles from different streets enter an intersection at approximately the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right.

(3) The driver of a vehicle within an intersection intending to turn left shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

(4) the driver of a vehicle approaching, but not having entered, an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to a vehicle already within such intersection and making a left turn, provided the driver (sic) of the vehicle turning left has given a plainly visible signal of intention to turn.

(5) upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle making use of audible or flashing light signals, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way and shall immediately drive to a position as close as possible to the right-hand edge of the road and stop until the emergency vehicle has passed. This provision shall not operate to relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway.

(6) The driver of any vehicle upon a highway within a business or residence district shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing at any marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.

## Section 2-112 Driving in violation of an order of the court

Any person whose right to operate a motor vehicle has been suspended by the court and who, within the period fixed by the courts (sic) order, drives or attempts to drive a motor vehicle upon a highway is guilty of a offense.

## Section 2-113 Duties in the event of an accident

(1) The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or damage to any vehicle which is driven or attended by any Indian shall immediately stop at the scene of such accident or as close thereto as possible, and shall give his name, address and drivers license information to the person struck, or the driver, or any person injured in such accident reasonable assistance, and exchange insurance information with other driver or person.

(2) The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting only in damage to fixtures or other property legally upon or adjacent to a highway shall take reasonable steps to locate

and notify the owner or person in charge of such property of the accident and or his registration number of the vehicle he is driving and shall, upon request and if available, exhibit his operator's license.

(3) The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or property damage to another or others to an apparent extent if \$50 or more shall, as soon as practicable thereafter give notice of such accident to the Chief of police.

## Section 2-114 Open receptacle containing alcoholic beverages in motor (sic)

No person shall drink or consume alcoholic beverages in a motor vehicle nor keep in the vehicle or have in his possession or on his person while in such vehicle bottle or receptacle containing alcoholic beverages which has been opened or the contents of which have been partially consumed.

## Section 2-115 driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquors or drugs

(1) No person, who is under the influence of intoxication liquor or who is under the influence of any drug to a degree which renders him incapable of safely driving a motor vehicle shall operate or be in actual physical control of any motor vehicle upon the highway.

(2) In any criminal prosecution of an offense under subsection (1) of the section relating to driving a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, the amount of alcohol in the defendant's blood, urine, breath or bodily substance, shall give rise to the following presumption:

a. if there was at the time .05 percent or less by weight of alcohol in the defendant's blood, it shall be presumed that the defendant was not under the influence of intoxicating liquor;

b. if there was at that time in excess of .05 percent but less than .10 percent by weight of alcohol in the defendant's blood, such fact shall not give rise to any presumption that the defendant was or was not under the influence of intoxicating liquor, but such evidence in determining the guilt or innocence of the defendant.

c. if there was at that time .10 percent or more by weight of alcohol in the defendant's blood, it shall be presumed that the defendant was under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

(3) Percent by weight of alcohol in the blood shall be based upon grams of alcohol per 100 cubic centimeters of blood or grams of alcohol per 210 liters of alveolar breath.

(4) In addition to the results of chemical analysis as set forth in subsection (2), other competent evidence may be introduced on the question whether the defendant was under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

(5) Every person who is convicted of an offense under this section shall be punished by:

a. imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or a fine of not more than \$250, or both with costs.

b. imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or a fine of not more than \$350, or both with costs.

c. imprisonment for not less than 30 or more than six months and a fine of not more than \$1,000, with costs.

## Section 103.

The MCN hereby adopts this criminal and traffic code setting out crimes and penalties within the jurisdictional boundaries of the MCN.

Copies of the criminal and traffic codes are available at the National Council Office in Okmulgee.



# Ex-Councilor really in heat of battles now

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
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OKMULGEE -- Unlike most little boys of his generation Bobby Hardridge never dreamed of becoming a fireman.

His aspirations were becoming a lawyer or serving in the capacity of law enforcement.

But those goals were extinguished in October when the former National Council representative was appointed City of Okmulgee Fire Marshal.

Hardridge has served as a professional firefighter for the past 12 years.

As fire marshal, Hardridge's duties entail investigating the nature and origin of fires. He also is responsible for fire department public relations, implementing fire prevention and training programs, thus preventing the disaster of fire.

Hardridge maintains with the development of modern technology there is more involved in the fire service than most people think.

Professional firefighters have to deal with the dangers of hazardous materials and the equipment these individuals work with is more mechanical than it used to be.

The muscle-bound, handlebar mustache stereotype of firefighters no longer exists. It's more of a science now, he said.

Because of the hours firefighters have to work, 24 hours on and 48 hours off, it takes a unique individual to be a fire fighter, Hardridge said.

With his recent appointment Hardridge now works regular office hours, although he is on call at all times.

Several of the firefighters are of Indian heritage. There is also a mix of blacks and non-Indians, he said.

"But once that bell rings, we're as one. We fight one fire just like any other."

The families of firefighters have to be very supportive because the many tragedies these men see are often taken home with them, Hardridge said.

"When it all comes down to it, they're all compassionate guys, especially when it comes to children. We've had some dear and pleasant moments here and I've seen some of the men weep over tragedies."

Does he miss the fast-paced action of being right on the scenes while fighting a fire?

"I do miss the act of fire fighting itself. For a long while when that bell went off I felt like I ought to be jumping on the fire truck, but I'm getting used to it now."

Barton Williams, selected interim chief of Muscogee Nation law enforcement by the Light-horse Commission and Okmulgee County undersheriff, served a term with Hardridge on the National Council. Williams said he is confident in knowing Hardridge has assumed the position of city fire marshal.

"Bobby Hardridge is the type of person that will do his job to the best of his ability. Bobby will do an excellent job; he will do it only one way -- perfect, or he won't do it at all."

"It's nice to see Indian people in leadership positions. He's a fine upstanding young man."



Bobby Hardridge: Okmulgee city fire marshal

Hardridge said the Okmulgee Fire Department faces no jurisdictional dilemma in regard to fighting fires on tribal land.

Hardridge said he doesn't foresee the same dilemma the Vian Fire Department faced as surfacing in Okmulgee. In Vian, a city council member prohibited the Vian Fire Department from extinguishing a fire at a smokeshop.

The smokeshop owner alleged he had received several threats because the smokeshop had taken business away from local convenience stores.

"Whether I'm going to help them or not isn't a factor. That's why I'm here, what I'm paid to do. The fact that someone is Indian, black or white isn't a factor. I'm not going to let a man's business burn down because he's competition," Hardridge said.

Hardridge, 39, was born and raised in Okmulgee. He is single, resides in rural Okmulgee and has two children, Ginger Ann, 9 and Richard Drew, 8. He is a member of Honey Creek Indian Methodist Church.

Hardridge, who is 9/16 Mvskoke, belongs to the Bear Clan and Ceyahv Tribal Town. He is the son of the late Richard Hardridge and the late Isabel (Sunny) Hardridge.

Living on a farm, his hobbies include raising cows, fishing, bow hunting and painting western and wildlife scenes as well as pen and ink drawings.

For the past three years Hardridge has served as a trustee of the Creek Indian Memorial Association. His major responsibility as trustee is serving on the Council House Art Market Committee.

"Most of my efforts are prior to the art market and during the art market in the fall."

Hardridge also served two terms as a Muscogee National Council representative from 1985 to 1988. He was assigned to the committee of community services and a special select committee concerning constitutional amendment.

"Sometimes it got hard with some of the personal vendettas and political battles, but I enjoyed it," Hardridge said.

Is there a possibility that he may run in December?

"I've missed serving in the political arena of the tribe, but I believe I need to give it the time needed to learn my job," he said.

"I'll probably rule that out this coming year. I'm excited to see who throws their hat in the ring and maybe in two years I might run but right now I'm going to be the best professional firefighter that I can be."

## Creek youth spotlight

### Sapulpa youth's photos, postmarks win him awards at fair contests

SAPULPA -- Travis Screechowl won four categories at the 1990 Creek County Fair in Sapulpa.

Travis is a freshman at Sapulpa Junior High School and a member of the Creek County 4-H program. He is the son of Ed and Janice Screechowl of Sapulpa.

Travis' black and white sketch of an Indian wedding vase placed first in the pencil fine art category.

His postmark collection was first in the age 13-16 hand-cancelled postmark category.

A gun race Travis made in wood shop placed first in the wood work category and his photo of three peacocks received first in best individual photo award in the Mastering Photography category.

Two other photo entries placed second and third in the Exploring Photography best individual photo category and the Adventures With A Camera category, respectively.

His postmark collection also placed first at the 1990 Collinsville Tri-County Fair. The fair was open to Tulsa, Washington and Rogers counties and to Osage, Mayes and Creek counties by invitation. The award-winning postmark collection also placed fourth at the 1990 Tulsa State Fair. At the Tulsa State Fair, the Mastering Photography best individual photo placed fourth, the Exploring Photography best individual was seventh, the gun rack 10th and the fine art sketch placed 10th.



## Birthdays

### Rosalind Ann Bigpond

BRISTOW -- Rosalind Ann Bigpond of Bristow, celebrated her first birthday, Dec. 29. Rosalind is the daughter of Valencia Sherrill Bigpond and Tobias Simmers, both of Bristow. Paternal grandparents are Cleta Hosetosavit of Bell, Calif., and Ethan Allen Bigpond, Albuquerque, N.M. Maternal grandparents are Curtis Charles and Mary Louise Simmers, Westminster, Md. Great-grandparents are Kessler and Lucy James Bigpond, both of Bristow and the late Sarah Simmers, Okmulgee.



### Gallen Cloud

OLIVE -- Gallen Cloud, an Olive High School senior, celebrated his 19th birthday Dec. 25. Cloud's parents are Lucy Cloud and the late Daniel Cloud Jr. Maternal grandparents are Elizabeth Roberts and the late Harley Roberts. Paternal grandparent is Nellie Jones.

### Malissa Richelle Beaver

OKMULGEE -- Malissa Richelle Beaver, daughter of Richard and Betty Beaver, celebrated her first birthday Oct. 29 with a dinner. Maternal grandparents are Lewis and Helen Fish from Oklahoma City. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Joshua of Okmulgee.



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## Tulsa

TULSA -- Muscogee (Creek) Indians in need of legal services regarding Indian child welfare, or housing and Indian health care issues may contact the Tulsa Indian Community Center on Jan. 10. An Oklahoma Indian Legal Services attorney will be at the Tulsa Indian Community center from 2 to 5 p.m. Jan. 10. Call 749-6260, prior to Jan. 10, to schedule an appointment.

-- More than 200 people attended the community's Christmas dinner and program.

-- For information on Tulsa Indian Community activities or to be put on the mailing list call (918) 749-6260 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## Glenpool

GLENPOOL -- Glenpool Indian Community is accepting applications for a program developer. Those applying should live within the Glenpool Indian Community boundaries or be willing to relocate within the boundaries. Preference will be given to Indian applicants.

-- The community is still accepting emergency assistance application at the community center.

-- The community provided presents complete with a Santa Claus who delivered the toys to needy Indian children on Christmas Eve.

## Okmulgee

OKMULGEE -- Okmulgee Indian Community helped provide Christmas dinner to six Creek families in the area. Community donations for food baskets were \$600, said Vicki Watashe, community treasurer. More than 100 attended the community's Christmas dinner, Watashe said.

-- The community also had a raffle drawing for a trip to Las Vegas or a \$400 cash prize. George Thompson, Yardeka Indian Community chairperson, was winner of the raffle and chose the cash prize. The \$500 in raffle profits will defray travel expenses for Patrick Factor, a Bixby High School senior who will participate in the 1991 Sooner Stampede all-star football games in eastern Europe.

## Eufaula

EUFAULA -- Two Indian families were provided groceries and presented two \$50 gift certificates thanks to the Eufaula Indian Community's food drive.

-- The community's float placed second in the Eufaula Christmas parade.

-- In mid-December the community gave 19 elders a tour of Christmas lights in Tulsa.

-- Despite bad weather more than 80 children turned the community's Christmas Eve party into a success. The children delivered six fruit baskets to Indian elders in Eufaula nursing homes.

## Weleetka

WELEETKA -- Officer elections for the Weleetka Indian Community will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 21. Community members interested in running for office should attend the meeting.

-- Since the community's Christmas program attendance was light the community decided to take Christmas to its members.

More than 300 Christmas sacks were delivered to community members, said Dorothy Burden, community member.

-- Smokeshop employees held a Christmas dinner for community board members.

## Kellyville

KELLYVILLE -- After setting its goal for first place in the Kellyville Christmas parade, the Kelly-

## Commodity distribution

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Commodity Program makes stops at 12 Indian community centers monthly.

Distribution sites include:

Hanna	Second Wednesday
Coweta	First Tuesday
Eufaula	First and third Thursday
Okemah	First and third Wednesday
Holdenville	First and third Tuesday
Weleetka	Fourth Tuesday
Wetumka	Second Wednesday
Checotah	Second and fourth Thursday
Dewar	Second and fourth Wednesday
Glenpool	First and third Wednesday
*Bristow	First and third Thursday
**Kellyville	First and third Thursday

Times: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 \* 9 a.m.-noon.  
 \*\* 1 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information or an application contact the: Commodity Food Distribution Program, Creek Nation Complex, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447, or phone (918) 756-3467.

ville Indian Community did even better than it had hoped for -- the community won the parade's overall grand prize and \$75.

-- The community also had an attendance of 58 at its Christmas dinner.

## Yardeka

YARDEKA -- Yardeka Indian Community is selling chances on a set of tires to be raffled off during its Valentine's Day Pageant.

Tickets are 50 cents each or three for \$1.

Because of bad weather the community's Christmas dinner was postponed. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

## Coweta

COWETA -- Martha Square, former chairperson of the Coweta Indian Community, was appointed community reporter.

-- A potluck dinner will be served at 6 p.m., Jan. 21 prior to the community's regular meeting.

-- Barbara Gillespie, chairperson, said more than 60 people attended the community's Christmas dinner.

## Duck Creek

DUCK CREEK -- Fannie Walker of Sapulpa and Tahlia Seber of Coweta were raffle winners at the Duck Creek Indian Community Center. Walker won a set of steel-belted tires and Seber received a clock.

-- Approximately 60 people attended the community's Dec. 15 Christmas dinner, said Nancy Jo Harry, vice-chairperson.

## Sapulpa

SAPULPA -- Norma Bunch was elected vice-chairperson at Sapulpa Indian Community Center. Chairperson Leah Jack and secretary/treasurer Phyllis Warrington were reinstated to their positions.

-- Approximately 75 attended the community's holiday dinner, Warrington said.

## Bristow

BRISTOW -- Three officers assumed office Jan.

1 at the Bristow Indian Community Center. Berniece Watson was elected chairwoman; Jarry Wittman, vice-chairwoman and Pat Presson, secretary/treasurer.

-- Approximately 75 people attended the community's Christmas dinner and program, Presson said. Christmas sacks were given to adults. Through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moody, community children received toys.

## Hanna

HANNA -- The Hanna Indian Community will host a food bingo on the first Saturday of each month, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Cards will be sold at 25 cents each.

-- More than 100 attended the community's Christmas dinner, said Kizzie Harjo, treasurer.

## Dewar

DEWAR -- Dewar Indian Community smoke-shop officially opened on Jan. 3. Store hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, said Eliza Mae Hicks, community secretary.

-- The community's Christmas dinner had a light turnout but Hicks reported a large attendance at the center's Christmas dinner for elders. The Rev. Thomas Berryhill Sr. was featured speaker. Community members sang Muscogee hymns and exchanged gifts.

## Okfuskee

OKFUSKEE -- Jorena Hicks, 4, was winner of a 10-foot Christmas stocking raffled off during the Okfuskee Indian Community's holiday dinner and program. Thirty-six attended the dinner.

## Wilson

WILSON -- Sometime in January, the Wilson Indian Community will open its new smokeshop. Store hours probably will be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, said Lucille Bear, community secretary.

-- Bear also reported a good turnout for the community's Christmas dinner and activities.

## Okemah

OKEMAH -- Due to bad weather the Okemah Indian Community cancelled its Christmas dinner and postponed its weekend flea markets until the first of April, said chairperson Luther Johnson.

-- Johnson said he will be organizing three-on-three basketball tournaments around the first of February.

## Wetumka

WETUMKA -- More than 50 attended the Wetumka Indian Community's Christmas dinner and program. J.R. McGilbray, Thlophlocco Methodist Church pastor, was the program speaker.

## Holdenville

HOLDENVILLE -- The Holdenville Indian Community's Christmas activities attracted 125 people, said chairperson Fred Lowe.

## Checotah

CHECOTAH -- More than 90 children attended the Checotah Indian Community's Christmas party.

## Muskogee

MUSKOGEE -- Six needy Creek families were given Christmas food baskets by the Muskogee Indian Community.



## Obituaries

## Norma Jean Hicks

OKEMAH -- Norma Jean Hicks, 51, of Okemah, died Dec. 10 at the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah. She was born July 19, 1939 in Okemah. She married Banson Hicks in November of 1962. She was a housewife. Services were Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. in Buckeye Creek Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Jones and Jake Marshall officiating. Burial was in the Ahfonke Cemetery.

## Conner Dick

OKMULGEE -- Conner Dick, 83, of Okmulgee, died Dec. 5 in Muskogee. He was born March 16, 1907 in McIntosh County. A retired carpenter, Dick was a member of Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church. Preceded in death by his wife, Lucille, in 1979; two sons, Billy in 1985 and Benjamin in 1952; two daughters, Sylvia in 1985 and Elizabeth in 1950.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Complete obituaries, including survivors from the following obits, will be published in the February edition of *The Muscogee Nation News*.

## Meeting

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acted.

"If the hospital is on trust land, county officials had no authority to be there," Cox said. "If they believe the hospital is county property, how could they enforce a tribal court order?"

Creek Nation leases the hospital and the grounds from the Okfuskee County Trust Authority, Crow said.

Williams said he contacted the Okfuskee authorities for assistance.

"My main concern was to prevent a disturbance so patients could get their rest," he said. "I'm caught in the middle."

Okfuskee County Sheriff H.T. Scott said Williams' request for assistance was honored out of professional courtesy. Scott said he knew the hospital was county property inside city limits.

In his order, Cox said a number of financial and operational problems still exist. Among them:

- no seated board members;
- lack of cooperation with accounting firm Coopers and Lybrand, contracted to do tribal audits; and
- failure to return \$272,000 in bingo revenues loaned to the Board.

Crow denies Cox's allegations. She said she had nothing to do with the nominations of Roberts and Coon to the board.

Crow said the tribal health care system under health board control has been audited and she expects to report the findings by February.

Crow said she could not return the \$272,200 loaned to the Health Care system over a year ago without an ordinance ordering her to do so.

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retary of Interior, (Manuel Lujan), mentioned that the Bureau was indeed restructuring," Youngdeer said. "Some of the tribes felt like they had not been consulted properly."

"As a result, Congressman Yates, inserted language into the appropriations bill stating there would be no restructuring or redesigns without the consultation of tribal leadership."

Youngdeer said the task force would have its first meeting Jan. 22-24 in Washington, D.C.

Youngdeer said he is unaware of any changes planned for the Muskogee Area Office. The area office represents 14 tribes in Eastern Oklahoma and is one of 12 BIA area offices.

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changes in the tribal election code and to have Childers placed on absentee leave.

District Court Judge Patrick Moore decided against the OCMA, saying no provisions for a court action existed.

Cox and Jackson contend they asked Moore for a court transcript and were told transcripts were not available.

"We cannot help but to point out to the Supreme Court and tribal citizens that the judicial branch of our tribal government is not functioning at the highest level of its capacity," wrote Cox and Jackson.

Court Clerk Lane Morgan said transcripts are not made for individuals and were only made for the Supreme Court in the event of an appeal.

Morgan said the OCMA was told they could listen to cassette recordings of the hearing.

"(Court) tapes are kept only a year," Morgan said. "We're not court reporters."

## Princess

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are sorry you were unable to justify and abide by the Committee's policies and guidelines."

Warrington's resignation means runnerup Sharon Jones of Bowlegs will assume the role of princess. The committee hasn't determined when Jones will be crowned officially.

In 1989, Lynell Roberts was crowned princess and resigned her duties in July of the same year.

Warrington contends the committee refused to honor her mileage voucher reimbursements for trips she made as Creek Nation princess.

From June 15 through Sept. 22, Warrington submitted four travel vouchers totaling 3,390 miles and seeking \$813.60.

Committee officials said they did not approve all of her claims since some of the trips were unauthorized.

At the beginning of her reign in June, 1990 she was presented guidelines and a list of approved

## Code

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Speaker Ken Childers casting the deciding ballot. That bill too was vetoed by Cox.

Cox wrote in his second veto message that the measure as written, lacks citizen support.

"As more and more people take a look at (the code), they're saying 'let's take as long we need to get it right'," Cox said.

Tulsa District Rep. Jerry Wilson, a supporter of the bill, told the Council in December the laws were nothing new and that people had been observing similar laws.

Much of the code is patterned after sections of the Code of Federal Regulations for Indian laws.

Those voting against the measure like Okfuskee District Rep. Mae Jackson want more citizen involvement with the code's development.

An Aug. 11 public hearing attracted more Council representatives than citizens. No plans for additional hearings have been revealed.

Jackson told the Council that people attended the Nov. 24 Council meeting to discuss the bill.

Creek District Rep. Ed Frye moved to table the bill to clarify questions of jurisdiction. The motion to table was approved.

In his veto, Cox's other objections are:

- tribal citizens favor federal law enforcement and courts.

The federal government has the authority and potential resources to provide law enforcement and court services. Cox said the bill was passed without any consideration of funding and logistics of assuming jurisdiction for Creek Nation.

Court-appointed attorneys are not provided in civil cases especially if funding is not available, Morgan said.

"I don't understand the complaint," Morgan said. "As a council member, (Jackson) should get busy and find funding for attorneys."

Jackson and Cox contend the judicial branch had \$10,000 in a budget line-item in for fiscal year 1989.

Jackson wrote: "We can only ask; not only this community but how many Creeks in great legal need (were) left defenseless in their own court?"

"(T)he Creek Nation tribal courts do need to improve their effort in maintaining records as well as taking the legal needs of its citizens seriously."

Morgan said she and her staff are conscientious of court procedures and citizens.

"I wish everybody took the legal needs of the people as seriously as we do," Morgan said.

trips. Warrington claimed mileage from her Springfield, Mo., residence to National Council meetings in Okmulgee. The committee disallowed this claim since her presence at Council meetings was not approved travel.

Warrington said she believes the committee has been uncooperative. In her resignation letter, Warrington wrote she had been taken advantage of and that the committee should be disbanded and reformed.

Warrington's mother, Phyllis, of Sapulpa, was a member of the Princess Committee when the guidelines were established. Mrs. Warrington resigned from the committee when her daughter decided to enter the pageant.

Warrington has since married Steve Barnett of Springfield. She is a sophomore at Drury College majoring in elementary education and foreign languages.

-- Punishments in the ordinance are politically motivated. Cox noted fines up to \$5,000 can be levied for disobeying tribal court while the fine for assault with intent to commit rape carries a \$360 fine.

-- The setting of moral standards by ordinance deserves further discussion. Cox said some citizens have expressed concern over moral issues in the ordinance.

-- The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the tribe has jurisdiction over tribal members only. That ruling, from the *Duro vs Reina* case, was delayed by Congress until Sept. 30, 1991.

Until this jurisdiction matter is resolved, Cox said the ordinance only will cause confusion.

However, tribal District Court Judge Patrick Moore said confusion about the law code is unnecessary.

"I'm thoroughly convinced that people in our government don't understand that (the tribal Constitution) is law," Moore said. "No one person, body or judge can set aside the Constitution."

Moore said tribal citizens are protected by the Indian Civil Rights Act and the Creek constitution.

"All citizens have access to Creek courts," he said. "The government's business is everybody's business in a constitutional government."

The issue is one of tribal sovereignty though it has become a political issue, Moore said. He is confident an agreement will be reached.

"I really believe people know what they are supposed to do," Moore said.



# History

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lahassee Mission and co-author of the first and second Mvskoke Readers. The two girls spoke the Mvskoke language fluently.

Both girls were reared at the Tullahassee Mission until the Civil War. Among their classmates was Gen. Pleasant Porter, who eventually became the commander of the Mvskoke Lighthorsemen.

Augusta left Tullahassee to attend Cooper Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. She returned to Tullahassee to teach.

As an instructor, Augusta taught the children of prominent Mvskoke principal chiefs such as Isparhechar and Sam Checote.

After her father died, Augusta was appointed principal protem and eventually superintendent of Tullahassee.

Alice Robertson left after the Mission burned and headed east to raise funds, primarily from Presbyterian women, in order to rebuild a school. She succeeded.

Alice later went on to become the first woman from Oklahoma to be elected to the U.S. Congress.

## Missions prove a point

Prior to the construction of Tullahassee, Mvskokes were totally opposed to all missions and schools until seeing the positive effects of Kowetah Mission.

After seeing the workings of the Kowetah Mission the chiefs agreed to cooperate with the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions in regard to Christian boarding schools.

Napoleon Bonaparte Moore, revenue collector for the Mvskoke Tribe, was a prominent mixed-blood Creek married to Augusta. Moore was elected to both houses of the Mvskoke National Council and also was a tribal Supreme Court judge. In 1888 Moore also was appointed the treasurer of the Mvskoke Nation.

Moore was the chairman of a board of trustees, appointed by the National Council, whose purpose was to supervise and select the site of the new mission.

The board made a contract with the Woman's Executive Committee on Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

The Presbyterian Church donated \$10,000 for the funding of the school and the National Council appropriated \$2,500.

The first site selection was property on Salt Creek, but because of poor water quality the location was abandoned. The second site was "New Yorker Town," near Nuyaka Tribal Town.

Although this was near Isparhechar and his Upper Creek or Loyal faction, the traditional Mvskokes refused to allow such an institution to be built near their square ground.

The school opened on April 16, 1885 near Deep Fork River, a mile west of Nuyaka, with Mrs. Moore as principal and superintendent.

The school buildings were set up "in the nature of a Christian family .. [with] the boys and girls in separate buildings under the care of teachers who should exercise a parental care over them..." according to a May 10, 1935 article published in the Okmulgee Daily Times.

The mission consisted of four original buildings. The first building served as a chapel or assembly room and class rooms.

The second building was the boys' dormitory and superintendent's apartment and the last two buildings were dormitories for the girls and teachers who supervised them. Each dormitory was provided with a kitchen, dining room and bathroom.

The last original structure standing at the mission was originally a dormitory for young girls. It

# Nuyaka

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in Nashville, Tenn.

The Baptists informed him there was a mortgage on the property. Lewis told Mount he would notify him when the land title was cleared, although Lewis forgot to.

Upon driving to his pecan groves one day, Mount turned his head to admire the mission and to his dismay the Southern Baptist Convention was holding an auction to sell the property. Even more shocking the buildings were being torn down and sold for lumber at \$70 apiece.

Mount drove to his lawyer's office as fast as he could. Lewis wired the Southern Baptist Convention and had it stop the auction.

Shortly after that Mount purchased the mission, thus preventing further destruction to the remaining buildings.

The following year Mount sold the mission to his daughter, Oakla Mount Spears and her husband, William, who wanted to make their home at the mission.

In 1972 the property was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, Spears said.

is often referred to as the superintendent's home because at some point the superintendent moved from the boys dorm and occupied the bottom floor of the little girls dormitory, William L. Spears, current owner and resident of the home said.

The only other remaining building, a laundry, is not from the Presbyterian occupation of Nuyaka Mission, but was later built during government ownership of the mission from 1909 until 1921.

## Home hardly has changed

The home today is almost entirely in its original condition, although a stone chimney has been added and some downstairs partitions have been rearranged. The upstairs, where the young girls stayed after the superintendent occupied the bottom floor, is in original condition.

Although English only was allowed to be spoken, almost all of the children that attended the mission were full-blood and only the Mvskoke language upon entering the school. When the mission opened 70 students were enrolled and only two boys and a few girls could speak English.

Throughout the school's existence there was an average of 80 to 100 children enrolled at the school each year, Spears said.

The goal of the mission was to teach the children Christian values. This Christian training was especially geared toward the female children.

In addition to their studies the girls were taught washing, ironing, sewing, and housekeeping.

The manual labor and English studies were meticulous on the children, particularly the males. Those factors attributed to the runaway of 36 of the 40 to 50 boys throughout the 1888-89 school year.

In 1891-92 the curriculum consisted of algebra, natural philosophy, physiology, U.S. history, English grammar, arithmetic, reading and Bible studies. At the end of the school term students were given tests over their studies at which the positive results were a surprise to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

According to the Oklahoma Historical Society archives, students from some of the most prominent families in the tribe attended Nuyaka Mission. Students were of the families of Herrod, Porter, Berryhill, Monahwee, Harrell, Tiger, Sands, Checote, Dunson, Bruner, Marshall, Yargee and McGilvray.

## Augusta steps out, Robes step in

In August 1888 Augusta resigned from her position as superintendent because of her hus-

band's declining health. William B. Robe, a Presbyterian missionary, replaced her. Robe's wife assumed the position of the mission's matron and their daughter, Maria Frances Robe, was an instructor. Three other Robe family members took on positions at Nuyaka by 1897. That following year Mr. and Mrs. William B. Robe retired while their son, John M. Robe assumed the position of superintendent until 1909. His sister, Maria Frances, taught at the mission until 1910.

Although the mission's structures were owned by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions the land was owned by the tribe. In 1899 the tribe also assumed the ownership of the buildings, Spears said.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs took over the operation of the school from 1909 through 1921, Spears said. From 1914 through 1918, under the direction of Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent Clarence Clark, four new buildings were added to the mission. Another school building, infirmary, manual training lab, a laundry as well as playground equipment were added.

In 1921, the BIA closed the school at which time the Southern Baptist Convention bought the school and operated it similar to the management of the Presbyterians, Spears said.

Because of the lack of funding the Southern Baptist Convention closed the school in 1933.

Spears said he felt it was important for he and his wife, both retired educators, to donate and preserve the mission site due to the positive affect the school had on Creek school children.

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## How to show your support

**HENRYETTA** -- Individuals in support of the preservation of Nuyaka Mission can write to encourage Oklahoma legislators to vote in favor of a funding request to be submitted by the Oklahoma Historical Society.

State Sen. Frank Shurden, D-Henryetta, recommended specifically writing those on the House & Senate Appropriations Committees.

Shurden, an advocate of the preservation of the mission, said citizens also should write their local legislators to let them know they support the mission's preservation.

"It's going to be a very worthwhile endeavor and I'm looking forward to carrying it through the Senate," Shurden said.

All letters should be sent by May to: House of Representatives, House & Senate Appropriations Committees, State Capitol Building, Oklahoma City, OK, 73105.





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## Creeks do their part in conflict

By TOMMY CUMMINGS  
MNN Managing Editor

OKMULGEE -- A routine 35-minute drive home for Roger Barnett on Jan. 16 suddenly had his adrenaline flowing.

Barnett, an employee at the Creek Nation Capitol Complex, had his radio tuned to his favorite station, but a news bulletin interrupted programming.

He turned up the radio and heard what he had feared.

War had begun in the Middle East. The United States had begun Operation Desert Storm and was bombing Iraq.

Barnett's heart raced. As a U.S. Army reservist he knew he'd better get home. And fast.

"After I heard the news, I looked down and I was going over the speed limit. My next thought was if I got stopped I could tell the Highway Patrolman I was on reserve status and I had to get home in a hurry," Barnett said.

Barnett, 29, was among thousands of men and women whose lives were turned upside down by the Persian Gulf conflict.

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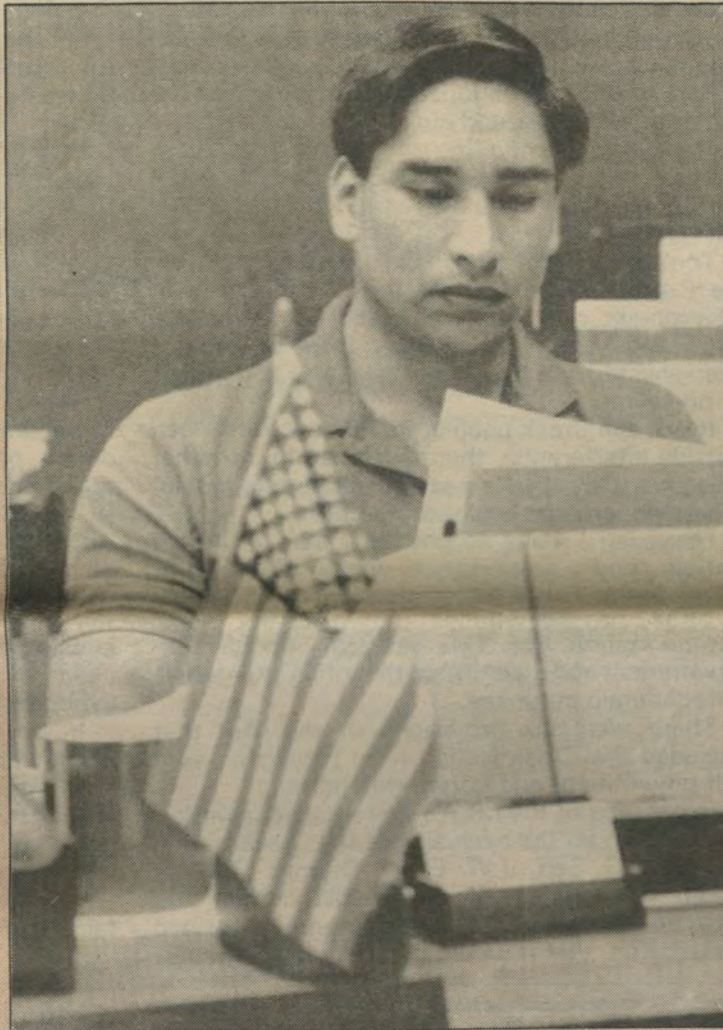


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Roger Barnett keeps an ear tuned to the news while he works at Creek Nation's Higher Education Office in Okmulgee. Barnett is on standby status with the U.S. Army Reserve. If called into active duty, his unit can be deployed to the Middle East in less than 18 hours.

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## Court ruling puts two on health board

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board still doesn't have full-time members, but it continues to operate with two on temporary status.

That much was decided Jan. 30 when the tribal Supreme Court declared an emergency regarding the health board after hearing arguments from administrators and legislators.

The court ruled that no member of the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board is serving an unexpired term and that Shelly Crow and Helen Coon serve as board members until replacements are confirmed.

Under tribal ordinance No. 89-58, Principal Chief Claude Cox is to submit nominations to the health board for Council confirmation. The court's ruling means Cox can submit names for the board but all will require Council approval.

The present health board controversy began last fall with the resignation of Abe McIntosh. That left Crow as the lone member of the health board. Crow then applied for a judgement making her the sole authority of the board to do business and to extend her term beyond a Dec. 31, 1990 expiration.

Before the Supreme Court considered the case, Cox nominated Helen Coon, a former social worker, and Carney Roberts, former speaker of the National Council.

The Court ruled Nov. 7 that Crow would continue.  
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## Council starts over on tribal law code

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- It's back to the drawing board for advocates of the tribal criminal and traffic code.

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council failed to override an executive veto of the proposed code at the Jan. 26 regular session.

The 29-member tribal legislature first approved a criminal and traffic code at a Sept. 19 special session. Principal Chief Claude Cox vetoed that action.

The Council failed to override at its October regular session. Fourteen Councilors voted to

override the bill, but the measure came up six votes short.

The code was resurrected and approved at the Dec. 13 special session of the Council. That too, met the same fate.

As before, debate on the code was spirited. Okmulgee District Rep. Thomas Berryhill said the code was necessary for tribal government.

"If there is no recourse in court or no law enforcement then we have an ill-formed government," Berryhill said.

Opponents of the code were more cautious. Okmulgee District Rep. Charlie Litsey said he

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## Communications offering news updates on Newslite

Creek citizens interested in news that affects them now have another service available.

The Muscogee Nation Newslite, a news message service provided by the Creek Nation Communications Department, can be heard by calling (918) 758-0824.

The Newslite features recorded updated news reports about community events and tribal affairs. At the end of each message, callers can leave their own news item.

The service is available after 5:30 p.m. on weekdays and around the clock on weekends.



## Law puts the Indian back into Indian art



**STEPHANIE BERRYHILL**

MNN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS WRITER

The passage of the Indian Arts and Crafts Act has left many "Indian" artists exclaiming the law has inhibited their profession and violated their constitutional rights to freedom of expression.

That's not true. Non-Indians can paint or create all the Indian art they want.

The key wording here is the act prohibits non-Indians from *falsely* suggesting their products are Indian-made.

The legislation also is reinforced with a first violation fine of \$250,000 or imprisonment up to five years or possibly both. Corporations or businesses will be fined up to \$1 million for the first offense.

Section 104 of the act defines an Indian as "any individual who is a member of an Indian tribe, or for the purposes of this section is certified as an Indian artisan by an Indian tribe." Blood quantum is not a factor in the act.

A public forum on the act was sponsored by State Sen. Enoch Kelly Haney (D-Seminole), also a Seminole artist, and the State Arts Council of Oklahoma at the State Capitol last month.

Artists present at the forum feel their claim to their heritage has been violated.

Most of these pale-skinned, fair-haired "Indians" proclaim to be of Native American descent, yet they are unable to provide documentation of proof and are not enrolled members of a tribe.

"This bill will never fly before the Supreme Court. Have you thought of this?" Sandra Peters asked Geoff Stamm, assistant general manager of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board, at the forum.

"There is no law that says a white person or any other race has to have a law saying they can sell their art," Peters said contending the act prohibits artists in their careers.

Kimberly Craven, assistant to U.S. Rep. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, D-Colo., a co-sponsor of the original bill, said the law is constitutional and is in no way racial.

"All laws passed for Native Americans are based on the government's political relationship with Indians," Craven said.

The law does prohibit the sale of counterfeit Indian products, but it does not bridle artistic freedom.

Any individual may create Indian paintings, beadwork, jewelry, sculpture, etc., although their merchandise may not be identified as Indian-made.

"This law does not prohibit you from selling any kind of work, but this law says if you want to market your work as Indian art you better be an Indian," said Stamm of the Washington, D.C.-based board.

Dana Tiger, Muscogee-Seminole artist, feels it is a good law, but she is also sympathetic with artists who say their ancestors were not

## Code necessary for this tribe to achieve self-determination

By Richard Wilde, Tulsa

The tribal laws that have been proposed and vetoed by Principal Chief Claude Cox are a positive step in which the Creek Nation can become a legal separate entity from the United States' government laws.

Until June 28, 1898, the Creek Nation was recognized as a separate legal entity with jurisdiction over members in regard to criminal and civil cases. In 1898, Congress enacted a bill that is known as the Curtis Act. The bill did away with all tribal courts within Indian Territory. In essence, the bill took away all jurisdiction of law that we had over our people and put it back into the hands of the U.S. government.

The enacting of the Curtis Act was the first step the U.S. tried in taking away the tribe's power of self-government.

The more appropriate issue at hand is that we, the Creek Nation, became a ward of the U.S. government and that we would be dependent upon them to show us the way. If the bill had not been enacted, we would most likely be taking care of ourselves.

If we, the Creek people, feel that we still need outside interference, then there can be no other objective than to take a step back in time and let others govern our business matters.

However, I really do not think that the Creek Nation people want to be wards of the U.S. government. This became clear when Congress, in 1934, passed what is known as the Indian Reorganization Act. This act provided for self-government and it permitted the tribes to organize for economic purposes.

There were six provisions of this Act that excluded the Creek Nation from having its own self-government and corporate charters.

In passage of the I.R.A., there was one underlying reason for the exclusion of the Creek Nation people. U.S. Sen. J.W. Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma, who was against the bill, stated that because the tribe had made progress toward assimilation, that it would be best not to encour-

### Guest columnist

age them to return to reservation life.

Finally, two years later, in 1936, Congress passed the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act (O.I.W.A.). This act provided for the Creek Nation to have its own constitutional government and corporate charters. That includes power to enforce criminal and civil jurisdiction over tribal members.

Being 1991, the tribe is at odds about the proposed criminal ordinance. The funding to help the Creek Nation institute these ordinances is there, by virtue of a lawsuit, entitled Muscogee (Creek) Nation vs. Hodel. That lawsuit stemmed from the idea that the Bureau of Indian Affairs said the Creek Nation people could not have the money to fund a tribal justice system because Creek Nation people were not recognized as having the right to do so.

The Bureau lost this lawsuit.

The court found that the Creek Nation is entitled to this money by virtue of the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act.

My understanding is that the Creek people want to become a self-sustaining entity. To make that dream possible we are going to have to pull together and get this ordinance enacted.

This is a positive step in the right direction; it also means that we are no longer wards of the U.S. government.

The funding that we are entitled to is only temporary. With our own economic enterprises to subsidize our own law enforcement officials, we need not be dependent on the U.S. to bail us out every time.

If we the Creek Nation people feel that we cannot implement these ordinances because of economic reasons, or any other reason, then it is time for us to become wards of the government again and not look forward to having the respect we deserve.

Also, we can forget about becoming a self-sustaining entity.



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Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Phillip Coon of Sapulpa addresses those who attended the "Our Warriors Abroad" rally for Operation Desert Storm Troops. The rally, sponsored by the Muscogee Creek Nation, attracted more than 250 people to hear local and state dignitaries honor U.S. service personnel in the Persian Gulf conflict.

#### In Brief

#### Housing Authority to start legal action on those who don't pay up

OKMULGEE -- The Creek Nation Housing Authority will seek litigation against individuals with delinquent mutual help home payments by the end of February.

Housing Authority Executive Director Sam Whitlow made the announcement in his delinquency report at the authority's board of commissioners monthly meeting on Feb. 5.

Whitlow told the board that those who have delinquent payments would be notified first by mail. If there is no response, they would be notified by phone for counseling.

If there still is no further response, court action would be taken, Whitlow told the board.

If the courts rule they do not have jurisdiction, "we'll lay it in HUD's lap," Whitlow told the board.

The Creek Nation Housing Authority is a state agency dispensing and administering federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In other business, the board:

-- approved Hughes County homeowner Kenneth Wright's request for subleasing his mutual help home;

-- approved a resolution allowing the housing authority to purchase 20 homes; -- heard that sites for 20 new construction units throughout Creek Nation have been donated by applicants on the housing authority's waiting list.

#### Employment/training department high marks from federal group

OKMULGEE -- A Muscogee (Creek) Nation jobs program by the U.S. Department of Labor for its efficiency.

The Employment and Training Administration at Creek Nation was monitored by federal representatives from the division of American Indian programs and Division of Program and Fisheries Review.

The ETA program is administered by the Job Partnership and Training Program and under the direction of the tribe's Human Development Division. ETA assists qualified applicants in securing vocational school training.

#### Hillabee to sponsor wild onion dinner in Eufaula on April 6

EUFULA -- A wild onion dinner will be sponsored April 6 by the Hillabee Indian Baptist Church Women's Missionary Union at Eufaula Indian Community Center.

The dinner will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$4 for adults, \$2.50 for children.

#### Salt Creek plans all-you-can-eat wild onion dinner March 16

HOLDENVILLE -- A wild onion, all-you-can-eat dinner will be sponsored March 16 by the Salt Creek Indian Methodist Church.

The dinner will be from noon to 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

The church is eight miles north and two miles east of Holdenville. Alternate route: seven miles west and two miles south of Wetumka.

#### Thlopthlocco business committee schedules meeting on Feb. 16

THLOPTHLOCCO -- Thlopthlocco Tribal Town Business Committee will hold its regular meeting at 1 p.m. Feb. 16.

The meeting is open to all Thlopthlocco Tribal Town members. A potluck dinner will be held prior to the meeting at noon.

The business committee regular meeting will be at 1 p.m. on the third Saturday of every month.

#### Native American AA meets Monday nights at Oakdale

OKMULGEE -- The Native American Alcoholics Anonymous meeting is held every Monday at 8 p.m. in the Oakdale School south of here. The goal of the meeting is to establish a support group for Alcoholics Anonymous.

## Speaker's ad for candidate is criticized

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- A half-page political endorsement of Eufaula mayor Joe Johnson has been criticized for its references to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The advertisement, paid by National Council Speaker Ken Childers, appeared in the Feb. 7 edition of the *Eufaula Indian Journal*.

The advertisement included a Muscogee Nation seal, the words Muscogee (Creek) National Council and the tribal capitol complex address. Childers paid for the advertisement. Childers also mentioned Eufaula vice-mayor Glen Pitman.

Johnson is the incumbent in the Eufaula mayor's race. He is also the Chief Justice of the Creek Nation Supreme Court.

Principal Chief Claude Cox said he had been contacted by several tribal citizens and by other Council representatives, including Okmulgee District Reps. Harvey Gilroy and Tony Hale and Okfuskee District Rep. Mae Jackson.

"That ad shouldn't have had anything that would make people think the Creek Nation was taking sides in a local election," Cox said.

Childers said the endorsement was made as an individual and not for the tribe or the Council.

"(I) didn't talk about the Creek Nation," Childers said. "(I) talked about two individuals that I think are distinguished citizens of the tribe. I didn't say anything about the Council."

In his endorsement, Childers wrote "We know Mayor Joe as an honest, unbiased person. He is what we as Indian people desire in our new generation of leaders: dedicated, educated and self-motivated."

Childers said he is simply supporting two Creek citizens for public office.

"I don't understand the controversy."

#### Tukobatchee tribal town meeting set for March 2

HOLDENVILLE -- A Tukobatchee tribal town meeting has been set for 9:30 a.m. March 2, at the Holdenville Indian Community Center.

Muscogee (Creek) National Council Rep. Thomas Yahola will discuss a proposal for a district name redesignation, hear constituent concerns and Tukobatchee members' requests.

Other items pertinent to the Tukobatchee tribal town will be discussed, Yahola said.

Those attending are requested to bring a covered dish for a fellowship dinner after the meeting.

#### Tribal radio network expands

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Communications Department has added four new stations to its radio program network. Eight stations in eastern and central Oklahoma carry the 15-minute public service program.

The Muscogee Nation News radio program will be on KNGX-Claremore, fm91.3, beginning Feb. 17 at 3 p.m.

The show also will be on KADA-Ada, am1230; KUSH-Cushing, am1600; and KVAZ-Henryetta, fm91.5. Air times had not been determined.



# Council approves Wetumka smokeshop

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved funding for the Wetumka Indian Community smokeshop at its January session.

The 29-member tribal legislature approved unanimously the \$35,000 funding bill.

Wetumka, a chartered community since 1981, became the 13th community to enter the smoke-shop business.

The Council also failed to override two vetos, each time coming six votes short. NCA 90-117, a

bill changing the work statements for the aid-to-tribal government and natural resources contract. The changes would have included law enforcement as part of the lighthouse security job duties.

Both programs are contracted from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Principal Chief Claude Cox vetoed the bill claiming law enforcement could not be funded from the contracts.

Creek District Rep. Ed Frye, author of the bill, said the changes were acceptable to the BIA and was a housekeeping measure.

The Council also failed to override the veto of the tribal criminal and traffic code. Both votes

were 14 in favor, 10 against with two abstentions.

In other business, the Council:

-- postponed a bill authorizing the Gaming Operations Authority Board to negotiate a \$1 million loan for the proposed Muskogee bingo hall.

Frye told the Council the GOAB could negotiate a loan without its approval but would need Council approval to borrow money.

-- approved the policy and delegation of the Creek Nation to the Inter-tribal Council of Five Civilized Tribes. Cox vetoed the bill Feb. 5. A

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## Eufaula city opinion creates no-man's land

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

EUFULA -- A Eufaula attorney has advised the city that all property of the Creek Nation Housing Authority and occupied by a Creek is outside the city's jurisdiction for police and fire protection.

The opinion comes after Eufaula police did not respond to an emergency call from a woman residing in the low-rent apartment complex Jan. 1.

The woman reported her residence was being vandalized but she was informed that the city had no jurisdiction for the apartments or any of the mutual help homes in west Eufaula.

Ken Lackey, Eufaula city attorney, opined that "all property of the Housing Authority of the Creek Nation and so titled, and occupied by a member of the Creek Nation, is outside the jurisdiction of the police power of the City of Eufaula."

Lackey added he personally found the law offensive but that he was within the regulations of the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety.

Capt. Frank Everett of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol issued a memorandum in October advising troopers not to work reservation areas, restricted lands, smokeshops or arrest Indians within Indian country.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief Claude Cox said the city is violating a lease and cooperative agreement between Eufaula and the Housing Authority.

Sam Whitlow, housing authority executive director, said the authority is an Oklahoma corporation under the direction of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Oklahoma Housing Act provided for Indian housing authorities. The Creek Nation declared a housing emergency in 1967 under the provisions of the Oklahoma act. The Creek Nation Housing Authority is a state agency dispensing and administering federal funds from HUD.

Whitlow told the Housing Authority at its February meeting that Eufaula officials mistakenly have identified housing authority property as Indian land.

But Lackey referred to the Oklahoma Supreme Court Decision in Harjo vs. Housing Authority of the Seminole Nation for his opinion.

In that case, the Seminoles attempted to

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Staff photo by Elliot Barnett  
Creek Nation employee Bill Dowdy (right) donates blood at the American Red Cross' bloodmobile stop in Okmulgee on Jan. 31. Twenty-eight employees and tribal members signed up for donations.

### In Brief

#### Tulsa representative withdraws from race for Creek Second Chief

OKMULGEE -- Tulsa District Rep. Donna Rhodes has reconsidered and will not be a candidate for Muscogee (Creek) Nation second chief.

Rhodes said the role of second chief in tribal government is not defined clearly. The Tulsa legislator said she can be more effective as a National Council representative than as second chief.

Rhodes had said she wanted to define the second chief role as a tribal affairs activist.

Rhodes chairs the Council's human development committee. She is president of the National Indian Education Association, the largest inter-tribal organization.



#### Non-resident, undergrad Indians to receive tuition waiver at OU

NORMAN -- Undergraduate American Indian students who live outside of Oklahoma but whose tribal affiliation is one of the federally-recognized tribes within the state will be eligible for a non-resident tuition waiver at the University of Oklahoma.

Savings can be up to \$3,000 a year, according to school officials.

Beginning in the fall 1991, OU will waive the non-resident tuition for any first-time entering, non-resident American Indian student who is affiliated with any of the 37 federally established tribes in the state, said Paul Bell, acting OU registrar.

This new tuition waiver scholarship program can be renewed for up to five years of undergraduate study, giving it a value of up to \$15,000.

To be eligible for the tuition waiver scholarship, students must be able to demonstrate their relationship to one of Oklahoma's 37 federally-recognized tribes, among them the Creek Nation and Thlophlocco, Kialegee and Alabama tribal towns.



## In Brief

### Finance department gets national recognition for its FY89 report

CHICAGO -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation finance department has been recognized for financial reporting for fiscal year 1989.

The Government Finance Officers Administration presented the excellence award to Creek Nation finance director David Bryant, "the individual designated as primarily responsible for preparing" the tribe's FY 1989 comprehensive annual report.

The Creek Nation is a member of the association.

GFOA spokesman Steve Mindy said a financial report was different than an audit.

"A review committee reads the reports to see if general accounting procedures are followed," Mindy said.

Other factors considered are adhering to the spirit of full disclosure and communicating a financial story, Mindy said.

### Indian education conference plans meeting at Creek capitol complex

OKMULGEE -- The White House Conference on Indian Education will hold its information gathering meeting Feb. 11 at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Mound Auditorium Feb. 13.

The conference, authorized by Public Law 100-297, will provide a national forum for discussion and recommendations for Indian education. All interested persons are asked to make their recommendations to the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission at 4010 N. Lincoln Blvd. Oklahoma City, 73105.

### BIA issues policy for Indian graves protection act, artifact discovery

OKMULGEE -- The Bureau of Indian Affairs Okmulgee agency has issued a memorandum for policy with the enactment of the Indian graves protection act.

Signed by U.S. President George Bush in November, Public Law 101-601 requires each federal agency and each museum possessing Indian artifacts to inventory and identify geographic location of their holdings.

The law also proscribes action for burial and artifact discovery.

"We re-emphasize...that any person who knows of anyone who has discovered Native American cultural items on federal or tribal lands to notify the (Interior) secretary or any agency in writing," Gibson wrote. "If the discovery occurs in connection with an activity (construc-

tion, mining, logging, agriculture) it shall be ceased."

### Former Creek official takes job with IHS area office in Arizona

TAHLEQUAH -- Mark Downing of Muskogee, former director of community health services at Muskogee (Creek) Nation, was hired by Indian Health Service as a program analysis officer.

Downing, whose last job was executive director for development at Cherokee Nation, will work at the IHS area office as assistant to the director in Phoenix, Ariz.

Downing, a graduate of Northeastern State University, holds a certificate in matrix management from the Wharton School of Business in Pennsylvania and is a member of the American Management Association. Downing, originally from Henryetta, is the son of Leonard Downing of Tulsa and the late Wilma Downing.

### Brush up on proper use of diascan at refresher course set for Feb. 26

OKMULGEE -- A Diascan Refresher Course will be presented from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 26 at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Capitol Complex.

Diascans (blood glucose monitor) are available to Creek citizens with a prescription from their physician through the Creek Nation Social Service Program. Diascans are available to other tribal members with a prescription from their physician and \$39.

Jeff Nebold of Home Diagnostic Inc. will present updated information on the diascan's proper use at the refresher course.

Registration will be in the Community Health Representative office. For information, contact the Division of Community Services' office at (918) 756-8700, Ext. 234.

### National research project hosted by Tulsa Indian health care center

TULSA -- A national research project on breast and cervical cancer titled "Native American Women and Wellness" will be conducted by the Indian Health Care Resource Center.

The center is located at 915 S. Cincinnati Street. Only eight urban clinics have been chosen nationwide.



## Mutual help home '91 recertification forms need review

OKMULGEE -- The Creek Nation Housing Authority will begin its 1991 recertification for participants in the mutual help home program.

The Housing Authority is an Oklahoma state agency administering the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development programs.

HUD regulations require that each resident in the housing program be re-examined to verify current income and changes in household occupation annually.

The Housing Authority is mailing an information packet that includes forms for:

- household composition;
- income verification forms for employment;
- income assistance identification forms; and
- house successionship.

It is mandatory that the program participant be present to sign HUD requirement forms. The forms can not be returned by mail.

Up to three people can be designated for successionship of the home. The Housing Authority considers this form important and recommends careful consideration. This form will allow the home to be assigned to members of the families or other designees in the case of death, mental incapacity or abandonment by the homeowner.

Failure to comply with recertification, misrepresentation, or withholding of material information in connection with any re-examination of income and family composition by the homeowner is in violation of the MHO agreement. This violation may be cause to remove the participant from the program resulting in money judgement for delinquent payments and repossession of the home by the Housing Authority.

### Housing payment adjustment needs proper documentation

OKMULGEE -- Participants in the Creek Nation Housing Authority mutual help home program seeking payment adjustments are required to submit proper documentation before arrangements are made.

According to a Housing Authority memorandum, proper documentation includes:

- layoff notices;
- unemployment claims; or
- notarized statements.

The Housing Authority must receive the documentation within five working days of the change of household income. If not, participants will be expected to make their scheduled payments.

Adjustments are temporary. Payment changes are made for 30, 60 or 90 days. Once an adjustment has been made and the time has expired, payments will revert to the previous amount.

"We would like to stress the importance of carefully reading all notices, letters and monthly receipts that people receive from the Housing Authority," said David Proctor, Housing Authority counselor.

Proctor said counselors are available to provide assistance or information as needed.

### OILS schedules Okmulgee visit

OKMULGEE -- Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) attorney Michael Snyder will be at the Muscogee (Creek) Capitol Complex on March 14 at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Conference Room. For information call 1-800-759-0805.

## Business publication available to tribal citizens

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation economic development department is making the *Commerce Business Daily* available to all tribal members at no charge.

*Commerce Business Daily* is published by the federal government.

Woody Anderson, Creek Nation economic development coordinator, said the daily provides a list of government procurement invitations, contract awards and sales of surplus property exceeding \$25,000.

"The federal government purchases billions of dollars worth of goods and services each year and I want to make those Indian businesses aware of these opportunities," Anderson said.

The federal government is eager to contract with minority businesses Anderson said. Making the *Commerce Business Daily* available to Indians can give businesses access to federal dollars.

Any Indian-owned business interested in this service can get more information by contacting Anderson at 918-756-8700, Ext. 301.

Anderson also said the economic development office is compiling a directory of American Indian-owned businesses for promotion and technical support.

American Indian-owned business is any operation with at least 51 percent American Indian ownership.

Anderson said the business directory will include information about the owners, the business and the services provided.

"That list of businesses will be given to all tribal agencies within the Creek Nation and to other agencies outside of tribal jurisdiction, in effort to utilize, support and promote Indian business," Anderson said.



# Thlopthlocco elects its leaders

Stories by STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Writer

**T**HLOPTHLOCCO -- In what was probably the last existing traditional Mvskoke election, the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town elected Charlie McGertt tribal town king.

McGertt, son of the late Nathan and Esther White McGertt, said his priorities are the enrollment of town members as well as obtaining a grant to hire an administrative staff.

"Within a year we should see a lot of improvements here," he said.

McGertt, who had served as tribal town king prior to the election, defeated George Scott 40 to 30 in the election held at the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town Complex 1.5 miles north of Clearview.

Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, a federally-recognized tribe since the adoption of its constitution in 1938, was recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1989 as independent from the Creek Nation. Thlopthlocco will be eligible for federal monies once membership has been established.

McGertt said the tribal town's goal is to offer programs and benefits to members within the next decade.

Revisement of the town's constitution also is high on McGertt's list of priorities. The business committee plans to establish new laws and codes under the constitution.

"That constitution was written when people could trust each other, but now we can't. That constitution needs to be revised, rewrote, so we have a lot of work ahead of us in the next four years," he said.

He said he feels the constitution is specifically in need of an election code. McGertt said he hopes to have an election code similar to that of the Creek Nation in the next four years.

He is also strongly in favor of the cross-deputization of Okfuskee County officers.

McGertt became active in the tribal town around 21 years ago when he was appointed to warrior. He has served two terms as warrior since then and on Oct. 27, 1990, was appointed to finish former Town King Barbara Kelly's term. Kelly and other business committee officers, with the exception of Jim McGertt, were seated illegally, said Charlie McGertt.

McGertt maintains his ability to speak the Muscogee language was a factor in his victory.



Photos by Stephanie Berryhill

Charlie McGertt, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town King, defeated George Scott 40 to 30 during last month's tribal town election.

"One thing that qualifies me for chief is I can speak Creek and talk to the elders. One of the reasons I won the election is because I can speak and relate to my people."

And it is with this ability to communicate and the new administration's policy of open meetings that McGertt hopes to enroll his town members who now participate in the ceremonies of Alabama Quarsarte, Greenleaf and Fishpond Ceremonial grounds.

"I feel like I can get them back," he said in regard to members involved with other tribal towns.

McGertt is eager to assume his responsibilities  
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## 'Standing votes' decide winners

**THLOPTHLOCCO** -- As early as 1867 the Muscogee people began voting by paper ballot. Tribal traditionalists viewed voting by secret as "some whiteman's form of legerdemain" or rather trickery and deceit.

To them, the fullbloods' way of voting -- by forming lines behind their candidates to be "counted openly and fairly" -- had been encroached upon by the white man's secret ballot voting.

But this creation of the white man's political institutions did not overtake the old system of Muscogee government easily.

Prior to the 1871 election of principal chief the traditional Sands Party candidate for principal chief, Cotchoche, asked Federal Creek Agent Franklin Lyon if the Muscogees could vote "standing upon their feet." Lyon recommended the Creeks obey the strict election law enacted by the Creek Council during the previous year.

Disregarding Lyon's recommendation, leaders of the Sands and Checote parties met and agreed to let the traditionalists vote by standing and the progressives vote by ballot.

Notifying Lyon of their decision Cotchoche and Sands explained, "The other party are intending to vote by taking the vote on their side on paper and then count the vote, but we of this party seeing so much underhanded voting done, and stealing of votes, do not intend anything of the kind shall be done by this party, as of the men being absent, and the name enrolled on a list, but that every man voting for this party must appear on the ground on election day and then and there Counted, and then justice in voting will be apt to be done."

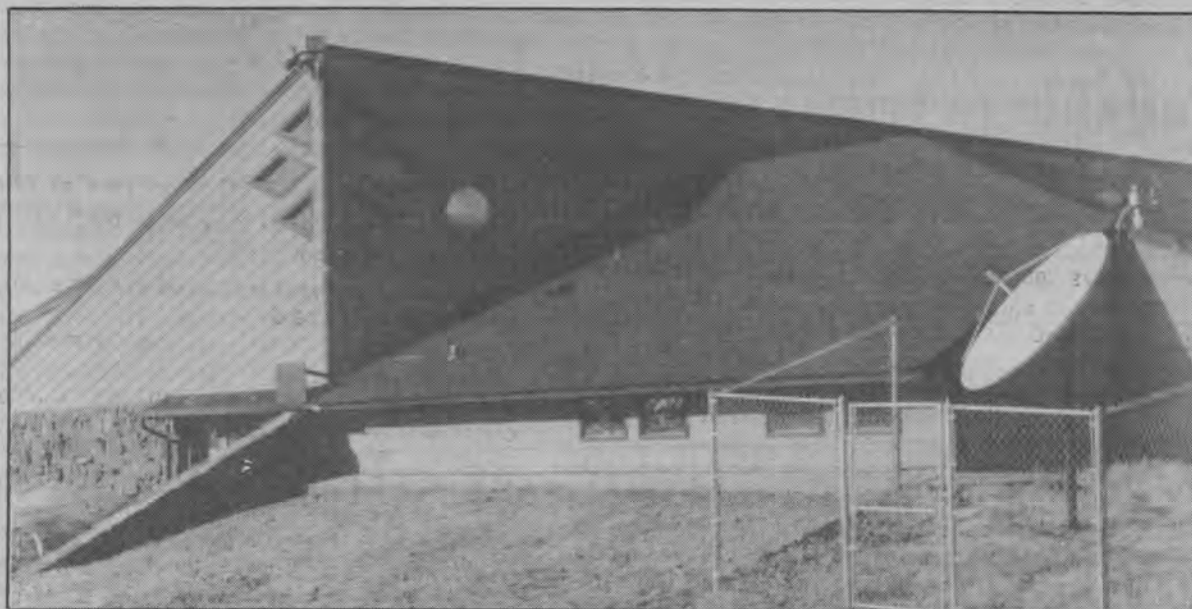
Lyon replied the U.S. would not observe the principal and second chief selected in this fashion.

The Checote party was willing to heed Lyon's warning, although the conservatives again disregarded Lyon.

On the day of the election, the Sands' Party met at the Okmulgee council ground. Although the Checote Party was not present the conservatives proceeded to vote by standing in the prairie west of the Council House. Cotchoche was chosen by the majority.

Having taken over the Creek government the Sands Party notified Lyon of its results. Anticipat-

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The Thlopthlocco Tribal Town Complex, north of Clearview, was built in 1978.

## The evolution of Thlopthlocco

**THLOPTHLOCCO** -- In 1936, the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act provided for the establishment of the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town's constitution.

And it did not take the members long to create an almost utopian, yet short-lived life reminiscent to the ancient homeland etlwas (tribal towns).

At the time OIWA provided for the town's establishment, it did not have a meeting place.

The constitution states the Thlopthlocco Methodist Episcopal Church would serve as headquarters of the town. The members met at the church until a community building was built during the years of 1939-41 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration. The building was built of native hand hewed sandstone on the North Canadian River, three miles northeast of the church, said Curtis Canard, former town king, treasurer and business

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# Love here measured in decades

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Writer

**A**ncient Mvskoke people never had heard of Cupid or understood the concept of St. Valentine's Day. But they still invented ways to attract their object of desire.

An instrument made from reed or hollowed hardwood was played by young men while trying to woo Mvskoke girls. The melancholy sound this flute-like instrument produced supposedly aroused tender emotions in the heart of any girl who listened, according to the book Ceremonial Songs of the Creek and Yuchi Indians.

In ancient Mvskoke custom marriages were sometimes arranged by clan relatives without consent of the couple involved.

## Muscogee Valentines

Valentine's Day comes every day for many Muscogee (Creek) couples. The News' Stephanie Berryhill takes a look at what keeps these couples together for so long.

But it was more common for the man to send his mother or sister to the home of the girl's family to pose the question to her brothers and maternal uncles.

Although this tradition is nonexistent, similar remnants of the tradi-

tion are identifiable in the manner Van Taryole asked for his wife's hand in marriage.

The Taryoles have been married for 56 years. Sophie Taryole, 73, said she and her husband were united in the "Indian way."

"In the old Indian way the man talks to (her) father or mother. My dad talked to his dad about us getting together. All that was said was as long as (we) got along," Sophie said.

The Taryoles, Nuyaka Tribal Town members, both belong to the Wind Clan.

Traditionally, members of a clan were regarded as close relatives and clan intermarriage was strictly prohibited -- although Sophie doesn't recall her father forbidding her to marry into her clan.

Since their families had camps adjacent to each other at Nuyaka Ceremonial Ground, the two most likely played together as children although they didn't actually become acquainted until Sophie's aunt, Bessie Johnson, married Van's brother, Frank.

Coincidentally Lena Johnson, Sophie's other aunt, was also married to Prince Taryole, Van's father -- so almost naturally their niece married a Taryole, too.

Once the two became acquainted "we didn't exactly fall in love at first sight, we were just friends," Sophie said.

The couple's courtship consisted of meeting at Nuyaka dances for two to three years before they were married in the "Indian way."

"In those days we didn't have (a) car (to date), we just met at the stompdance," Sophie said.

Van, 75, said Taylor Coon, Sophie's father, approved of him and their union.

"He wanted to get rid of her, I think," joked Van.



Sophie and Van Taryole have been married 56 years. She and her aunts all married Taryole men from the same family.



Millie and Doc Yardy met while she was watching a baseball game of which he was a team member.

Sophie maintains their marriage has lasted so long because "we've just always got along and we have three children and were real close to our children. We've got along pretty good," she said.

The Taryoles, who reside just north of Nuyaka Ceremonial Ground, also have seven grandchildren and three great-grandsons. They are members of the Trinity Baptist Church in Mangum where they resided for 12 years.

The couple married when she was 17 and he 19. Sophie said she and Van always have advised their children and grandchildren to get an education before marrying.

"We got married so young, so we wanted our children to get an education and have a better life for themselves. We didn't finish high school; we wanted our children to get an education. We always tell them to be honest in whatever they do," she said of her three children, Sonny, Sally Tiger and Kenneth, who all attended Haskell Institute.

Doc and Millie Yardy of Henryetta initially united in a the "Indian way" that Sophie described.

Millie met Doc while living in Okmulgee with her cousin, Joe McNac, who had an independent baseball team.

Doc was a member of the team and Millie met him while going to the ballgames.

Doc, 86 maintains that it was love at first sight, but Millie's story is a little different.



Belonging to families from Thlopthlocco, Earl and Lucille Dunson grew up together.



David and Sara McCombs met at Greenleaf Baptist Church when they were both assigned to work at cold drink stand.

"Yeah I guess it was love at first sight, yeah, ever since," he said.

"He didn't mean anything to me at first," Millie, 70, said.

The couple were into a "blanket marriage" or common law marriage during their first two years together. Wanting a name for her future children, Millie married Doc on Nov. 2, 1937 in Bentonville, Ark., where they had their honeymoon.

Millie said due to the economy marriages 50 years ago are different than they are today.

"Back then you could live on a little money,

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# It's stomp dance time in Kellyville

KELLYVILLE -- A benefit stomp dance will be performed Feb. 16 at the Kellyville Indian Community Center, formerly the Silverdollar Ballroom on Oklahoma 66. The dance is hosted by Sapulpa Public Schools Indian Education Program's parent committee, students and staff. Festivities begin at 4 p.m. with a cake walk and mini-bingo. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The stomp dance begins at 7 p.m. and continues until 12:30 a.m. Emcee will be Ralph Gray. Arts and crafts exhibitors are invited to set up at no charge, although they must furnish their own tables and chairs. All ceremonial ground members are invited to participate.

## Sapulpa

SAPULPA -- Sapulpa Indian Community will hold a food bingo beginning 6:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Sapulpa Public Library in the Collins Room. Cards will sell at \$.50 apiece or \$1 per sheet of three.

-- The community now has office headquarters, said Phyllis Warrington, community secretary/treasurer. The office is located at 1030 East Taft, Suite 110. The community's monthly meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 11, will be in the new office.

## Holdenville

HOLDENVILLE -- Holdenville Indian Community will host a talent show at 7 p.m. Feb. 16. Cash prizes will be awarded for first through third place. Entry fee is \$5. To enter, contact Anita Boyd, activity coordinator, at the community smoke shop by Feb. 13.

-- The community recently built a commodity carport where vehicles can back into to, said Fred Lowe, community chairperson. The carport was built so community citizens wouldn't have to load their commodities in the rain and snow, he said.

-- The community also is awaiting the results of the Creek Nation Gaming Commission's feasibility study which is one factor in determining whether the community can build a bingo hall, Lowe said.

## Duck Creek

DUCK CREEK -- Legislators attended the Duck Creek Indian Community meeting to educate the group on the dangers of a toxic waste disposal facility developers are proposing to build on Dillingham Ranch. Attending the meeting were state Sens. Lewis Long and Frank Shurden, Barbara Alstalt (representing Speaker of the House Glen Johnson) and state Rep. M.C. Leist and County Commissioner Richard Flud. Also present were National Council Representatives Jerry Wilson, Clarence Cloud, Thomas Berryhill Jr. and Charlie Litsey. Flud said the developer, the Heritage Group, is proposing to build the facility on the Dillingham Ranch, north of Okmulgee. Several of the community members signed a petition against the construction of the facility that was being distributed at the meeting, Flud said.

-- The community showed its support for the proposed Criminal and Traffic Code by holding a vote. Janice Frye, community member, said the vote was 16- to-1 in favor of the legislation.

-- The community recently sent a Christmas package to Sara Delangel stationed with the U.S. Air Force in Germany. Delangel is the granddaughter of Duck Creek resident Jimmy Skeeter. The community has put on hold plans to send packages to U.S. service personnel in Saudia Arabia.

## Commodity distribution

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Commodity Program makes stops at 12 Indian community centers monthly.

Distribution sites include:

Hanna	Second Wednesday
Coweta	First Tuesday
Eufaula	First and third Thursday
Okemah	First and third Wednesday
Holdenville	First and third Tuesday
Weleetka	Fourth Tuesday
Wetumka	Second Wednesday
Checotah	Second and fourth Thursday
Dewar	Second and fourth Wednesday
Glenpool	First and third Wednesday
*Bristow	First and third Thursday
**Kellyville	First and third Thursday

Times: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\* 9 a.m.-noon.

\*\* 1 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information or an application contact the: Commodity Food Distribution Program, Creek Nation Complex, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447, or phone (918) 756-3467.

The U.S. government has asked people to restrict mail to letters and cards.

-- Kristin Childers won the door prize (a turkey) at the community's Christmas party, said Nancy Jo Harry, community vice-chairperson.

## Glenpool

GLENPOOL -- Glenpool Indian Community members over 18 and at least a quarter Creek may run for sergeant at arms at the community's upcoming meeting at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12.

-- The community also will be developing 15 additional committees in addition to its economic development, fundraising, culture, community resources, political awareness and membership committees that already have been established, said Pauline Haney, community chairperson. Only full members may run for office and serve as committee chairpersons. But honorary (non-Indian), associate (non-Creek Indians) and any voting Creek member may serve on the committees, Haney said.

-- "We're trying to get all members involved. Creek Nation has helped our community, so now we're trying to give something back to the community," she said.

## Koweta

KOWETA -- Individuals interested in having a custom-made quilt sewn for them may contact the ladies at the Koweta Indian Community who quilt at the center almost daily.

For at least \$80 -- depending on size and design -- Martha Squire, Eloweta Tiger, Nora Doyle and Lena Sample will sew an authentic Indian-made quilt. To order, call (918) 486-9904.

-- With the help of a \$500 donation from the Koweta Indian Community the Coweta Fire Department was able to provide food baskets to 62 needy families.

## Hanna

HANNA -- Creek Nation Adult Education is offering GED classes at the Hanna Indian Community Center. Classes are held every Monday night for Creeks interested in getting their diploma. Those interested in enrolling should attend the Feb. 11 class at 7 p.m. with their CDIB card.

-- The community bought a van using a portion of its community development block grant. The van will be used for community activities as well as to transport those needing a ride to the center, said Kizzie Harjo, community treasurer.

The rest of the \$35,000 block grant will be used to buy a tractor and office equipment for the center. Some of the money also will be set aside for youth activities, Harjo said.

## Tulsa

TULSA -- Tulsa Indian Community hosted a potluck Valentine's Day dinner in conjunction with its regular meeting at Turner Recreation Center. Guest speaker was Dr. John Jones, director of behavioral health care with the Indian Health Service. For more information on activities or to be put on the mailing list call (918) 749-6260.

## Weleetka

WELEETKA -- Bill Burden recently was reinstated as Weleetka Indian Community chairman. Newly elected officers are Junior Scott, vice-chairperson; Dorothy Burden, secretary/treasurer and Betty Benn, reporter.

## Wilson

WILSON -- Wilson Indian Community has staffed its smokeshop with two new employees. Debbie Starr is smokeshop manager and Mulsie Tecumseh is a smokeshop employee. Starr and Tecumseh will operate the store from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

## Dewar

DEWAR -- Dewar Indian Community officially opened its smokeshop last month and hired two new employees.

Billie Counterman and Jane Evans will man the smokeshop from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

## Yardeka

YARDEKA -- Yardeka Indian Community is selling chances on a set of tires to be raffled off on March 31. Community members are selling the tickets at 50 cents each. They will be raffled off at the community's Easter Sunday Dinner.

## Okfuskee

OKFUSKEE -- Okfuskee County Health Department will be at the Okfuskee Indian Community center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 13 to provide health services to Indians as well as non-Indians of all ages. The department will offer blood sugar and blood pressure screening as well as immunization shots. The department also will provide services to individuals on the Women Infant and Children Program as well as sign up women eligible for the WIC Program. The services are free of charge, said Sharon Hicks, community reporter.

-- The community will host a Valentine's Day Pageant at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14. The two categories are male and female toddlers to 5 years of age and 6 to 12 years.

-- Two young community members were named all tournament at the Bowlegs High School basketball tournament. They are Melissa Culley, a senior at Mason High School, and Ernest McPerryman, a junior.

-- Community member Juanita Harjochee is currently in the Oklahoma City Memorial Hospital. Community members wish her a speedy recovery, Hicks said.

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# Curator looks for anecdotes, stories about Council House

OKMULGEE -- Tommy Steinsiek listened as an elderly gentleman who, as a boy, took his girlfriend behind the hedges of the Creek Council House Museum to experience his first kiss.

Steinsiek, the museum's curator, also heard about a young Creek child who remembered sitting on the Council House wall while her parents attended meetings inside.

"It was agonizing for her because a man always strolled by the wall pushing a tamale cart," Steinsiek said. "She never had the money to buy a tamale, but savored the aroma each time."

To others, these stories may seem trivial, but to Steinsiek they're invaluable. Those kind of anecdotes gave her the idea to publish a book about Council House memories she plans to call "Council House Recollections."

Steinsiek said many museum visitors seem to enjoy relaying their memories of the Council House and its activities.

"It dawned on me that what they were recalling would one day be lost," she said. "Once that generation passes, the only recollections of the Council House will be of it as a museum."

"This is just another effort to preserve the past for the future."

Steinsiek said she will be collecting written stories and anecdotes from anyone having memories of Council House activities.

"We encourage the little-known experiences," such as the first kiss or the girl who savored the tamale cart, Steinsiek said.

"Some recollections have been of a more serious nature, for example: executions, hanging tree, etc."

Steinsiek can be reached at (918) 756-2324.

## Birthdays



William Roberts



Matthew Ryan Messer



James Dean Williams



Corey Pickup

## William Daniel Roberts

OKMULGEE -- William Daniel Roberts celebrated his second birthday Dec. 30 at his grandparents' home in Okmulgee. His parents are Danny and Janell Roberts. Grandparents are Stanley Roberts, William and Eilene McLaughlin.

## Matthew Ryan Messer

MUSKOGEE -- Kenneth and LouAnn Messer of Muskogee announce the birth of their first child and son, Matthew Ryan, born Nov. 22, 1990. Matthew weighed eight pounds, nine ounces. Maternal grandparents: Thomas and Mattie Long of Preston; paternal grandparents: Edna and Bruce Messer of Okmulgee; and paternal great-grandfather: John Messer.

## James Dean Williams

OKMULGEE -- James Dean Williams observed his second birthday with relatives and friends Jan. 10 in Okmulgee. Williams is the son of Dean Williams and Liz Chavez, both of Okmulgee.

## Corey Pickup

OKMULGEE -- Donna Chalakee Pickup and her son Corey Pickup, Jr. extend their thanks to the women of New Town Methodist Church for the Oct. 4 baby shower.

## Amber Megan Simmers

SAPULPA -- Amber Megan Simmers was born 7:26 a.m. Jan. 26 to Eric Pickering and Jescina Simmers of Sapulpa. Amber weighed seven pounds and measured 19 inches and was born at the Claremore Indian Health Facility.

Paternal grandparents: Curtis and Mary Simmers of Westminster, Md. Maternal grandparents: James and Coleen Pickering of Sapulpa. Great grandparents: James and Edith Pickering of Sapulpa and Charles and Martha Squires.

## Thomas Dean Watashe

BELL GARDENS, Calif.

Thomas Dean Watashe celebrated his fourth birthday on Feb. 25. Thomas Dean is the son of LaDonna Watashe of Bell Gardens, Calif., and Dean Watashe of Sapulpa. Maternal grandparents are Thomas Lee Roberts of Bell Gardens, Calif., and the late Rose Lewis of California. Paternal grandparents are James Watashe and Alice Watashe of Sapulpa.

## Mannie Lee-Smith

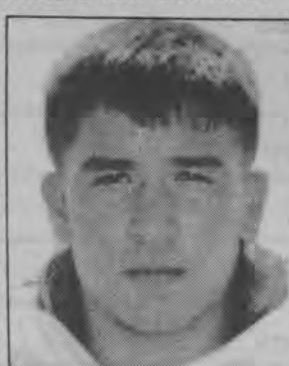
OKLAHOMA CITY -- Mannie Lee Smith, son of Richard and Betty Beaver, celebrated his 10th birthday in Oklahoma City with his grandparents Lewis and Helen Fish and aunts and uncles. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Joshua of Okmulgee.



## Sports heroes

## Konawa senior picked all-district

KONAWA -- Tommy Dale Jesse has been named Defensive Player of the Year for District 2A-4. As a free safety, Jesse led the Konawa High School Tigers in tackles. Konawa finished the season at 8-3. Jesse is the son of Dale Jesse of Konawa, and the grandson of Betty Jesse and the late Ben Jesse of Bowlegs. He is also the great-nephew of the Rev. George Jesse.



## Reunion

## Chupco-Larney

WETUMKA -- A Chupco-Larney reunion was held Sept. 29, 1990 at the Alabama-Quarsarty Indian Baptist Church. Those attending: Bill and Aggie Beaver, Eliza Yargee, Daisy Marshall, Nancy Marshall and granddaughter Nancy, Andrew and Emma Deere, Nancy Beaver and Cora Beaver Zack, Sammy Yargee, Eloise and Betsy Proctor, Daria Hicks, Minnie Charles, Stella Lena, Dean Lena, Marsha Lena, Kahleetha Williams and daughter Reba, Johnny Hicks and son Wendell, Cindy Marshall, Sarah Marshall, Roley Marshall, Sonny Lewis and Nanny, Christopher Harjo, Darlene Taryole and Aileen Bachus.

## Eufaula

EUFAULA -- Eufaula Indian Community will host a Valentine's Day party for community youth on Feb. 14.

Games will be played and refreshments will be served from 7 to 9 p.m.

-- The city of Eufaula police and fire departments will present a safety information clinic to community youth at 7 p.m. Feb. 21.

-- Earlier this month the community youth, as well as adults, participated in the Eufaula Armed Forces Day Parade wearing yellow ribbons and carrying flags.

## Checotah

CHECOTAH -- The Checotah Indian Community recently purchased a building adjacent to their community center/ bingo hall and smokeshop.

The board is planning to open a business, but is undecided as to what type of enterprise it will be, Joe Fox, community chairperson said.

## Muskogee

MUSKOGEE -- The Muskogee Indian Community is planning an arts and crafts show this month, although a date has not been set.

## Wetumka

WETUMKA -- Wetumka Indian Community meets at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month.

## Okemah

OKEMAH -- Okemah Indian Community meets at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.

## Okmulgee

OKMULGEE -- Okmulgee Indian Community meets at 7 p.m. Feb. 11.

## Bristow

BRISTOW -- Bristow Indian Community's monthly meeting will be at 7 p.m., Feb. 18.

## Beggs seeks chartered status

BEGGS -- The Beggs Indian Community, seeking chartered community status with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, will meet Feb. 16 to adopt a constitution and by-laws.

The meeting will be at 10 a.m. in the Beggs Elementary School Cafeteria. A potluck dinner also will be served.

Mary V.J. Adams-Barnes, one of many Beggs citizens organizing the community, said a lot of Indian people around Beggs are not being served.

The community is expected to have jurisdiction south to the Okmulgee Indian Community boundary, north to the Duck Creek Indian Community boundary and east to U.S. 75.



## Legislative Overview

How They Voted	NCA 90-117	NCA 90-112	NCA 90-111	NCA 90-132	NCA 90-133
	Reconsider of a bill changing Aid-to-Tribal Govt. & Natural Resources contract. Override failed: 14 yes, 10 no; 2 abstain	Reconsider the criminal & traffic code. Override failed: 14 yes, 10 no, 2 abstain	A bill clarifying the tribe's policy of the Inter-tribal Council. Passed: 14 yes, 5 no, 3 abstain.	A bill funding the Wetumka Indian Community Smoke shop. Passed: 22 yes, 0 no.	A bill to use p... Tulsa... munit... yes, 5
George Almerigi, Okmulgee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Richard Berryhill, Wagoner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Larry Bible, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eugene Birdcreek, Okfuskee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Johnson Buck, Hughes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Robert Buck, Hughes	No	No	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Mose Cahwee, Creek	Abstain	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ken Childers, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Did not vote	Did not vote	Did not vote
Helen Chupco, Muskogee	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa	Abstain	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clarence Cloud, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Helen Duncan, Wagoner	No	No	Absent	Absent	Absent
Bill Fife, Okfuskee	Yes	Yes	Absent	Absent	Absent
Ed Frye, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee	No	No	Absent	Absent	Absent
Tony Hale, Okmulgee	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Mae Jackson, Okfuskee	No	No	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Frank Kamp, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Charlie Litsey, Okmulgee	No	No	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Harley Little, Muskogee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tommy Newton, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tom Pickering, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Donna Rhodes, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Earl Wheeler, Creek	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Jerry Wilson, Tulsa	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Thomas Yahola, Hughes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



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Lewis McGertt



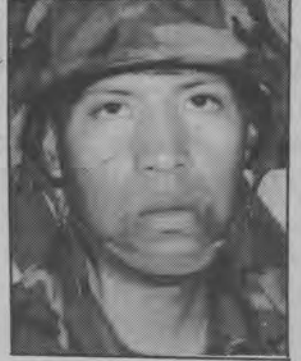
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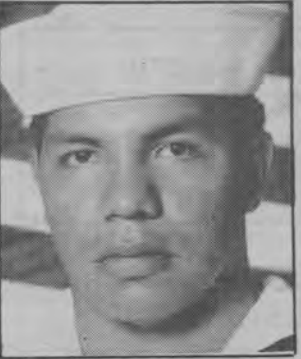
Haden Dunn



Daniel Wind III



Ruby Wahnee



Reubin Proctor



Clemmie Lee George



Gregory Miller



Nicholas Miller



Steven Chalakee



Jan Ransom

## A Creek Nation salute to Desert Storm troops

Lewis McGertt graduated from Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah in 1966. The Vietnam Veteran has been enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and Army around 20 years. McGertt resides in Phoenix, Ariz. He is the son of the late Nathan and Esther White McGertt. His maternal grandparents are the late James and Sophie Berryhill White and paternal grandparents are the late John and Indie McGertt.

Billy Seawright graduated from Dixie High School in Donalds, S.C., in 1989 and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp. Seawright resides in Donalds, S.C. He is the son of Mike and Sue Seawright. Seawright's maternal grandparents are Reuben and Peggy Chalakee and paternal grandparents are Beulah and the late Henry Seawright.

Monroe Burgess Jr. graduated from Wilson High School in 1979 and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp. four and one-half years ago. Burgess resides in Okmulgee and has one son, Joshua Robert Burgess. He is the son of Esther and the late Monroe Burgess. His maternal and paternal grandparents are Bernice and the late Otis Kuykendall and the late James and Elsie West Burgess.

Haden Dunn enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps one year after graduating from Okmulgee High School in 1988. Dunn resides in Okmulgee. Thomas and Mary Dunn are his parents. Dunn's maternal and paternal grandparents are Hayden and Margie Wilbourn and Joan and the late Wesley Dunn, Sr.

Daniel D. Wind III enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp after graduating from Henryetta High School in 1987. Wind resides in Okmulgee with his wife, Stephanie Carmona Wind, and their four children, Christopher, Krystal, Daniel, and Anthony. He is the son of Daniel and Anna Wind. His maternal and paternal grandparents are the late Benjamin and Mattie Beaver Scott and Beatrice Deer and Daniel Wind Sr.

Ruby Wahnee graduated from Morris High School in 1981. She joined the U.S. Air Force seven and one-half years ago. Wahnee resides in Alamogordo, N.M., with her 3-year-old daughter

Desiree. She is the daughter of Riley and Patsy Wahnee. The late Harbor and Bettie Johnson are her maternal grandparents. Tom and Gladys Wahnee are her paternal grandparents.

Reubin Proctor graduated from Weleetka High School in 1981 and joined the U.S. Navy six and one-half years ago. Proctor's permanent residence is rural Nuyaka. Pauline Starr Proctor and Sam Proctor are his parents. Maternal and paternal grandparents are the late Lewis and Neazetah Starr and the late Johnson and Maggie Proctor.

Clemmie Lee George joined the U.S. Army after graduating from Holdenville High School, Holdenville in 1971. George has served 19 and one-half years in the U.S. Army and Army National Guard. George lives in Broken Arrow and has three children, Melissa, Tara and Kara. George's parents are Mose and Pauline George. His maternal and paternal grandparents are the late James Patty and Betty Harrison and Emma and the late Sarney George.

Gregory Miller, who graduated from Moss High School, Holdenville in 1988, has been enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps for one year. Miller resides in Lamar. His parents are Josephine McGirt and Gerald Miller. His maternal and paternal grandparents are Mildred Walter and John McGirt and the late John and Irene Miller.

Nicholas Miller graduated from Moss High School near Holdenville in 1989 and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Miller lives in Lamar. Josephine McGirt and Gerald Miller are his parents. Miller's maternal and paternal grandparents are Mildred Walter and John McGirt and the late John and Irene Miller.

Steven Chalakee graduated from Will Rogers High School in Tulsa in 1977 and has been in the U.S. Navy for four years. Chalakee resides in San Diego, Calif., with his wife, Nenita, and his stepchildren Maria, Charlene and Kelley Stevens. Chalakee's parents are Daniel and Shirley Chalakee. Maternal and paternal grandparents are the late William and Alma Murry and Sannie and the late Rev. John Chalakee.

Jan Ransom graduated from Rancho Cordova High School in Rancho Cordova, Calif., in 1987. He has been in the U.S. Air Force for two years. Ransom is a resident of Rancho Cordova, Calif. His parents are Alphonso and Christine Ransom. Ransom's maternal and paternal grandparents are Matilda Francis and the late Beaden Hope and the late Robert and Amanda Ransom.

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## Obituaries

### Wilburn 'Sonny' Wiley

EARLSBORO -- Wilburn 'Sonny' Wiley, 70, died Jan. 27 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Oklahoma City. Services were Jan. 30 at the Thleqarle Indian Baptist Church with the Rev. George Bunny and the Rev. Richard Eastman Whitlow officiating. Wiley was born near Dustin on Sept. 26, 1920, the son of Mose and Mariah (Robison) Wiley. He was married to Billy Jean Taylor on Sept. 26, 1939, in Dustin, and she preceded him in death on April 5, 1989. He made his home in Earlsboro for the past year. Wiley was a retired school superintendent, a former director of Indian Education for Oklahoma and a former executive director for Creek Nation. He was a member of the Glorietta Indian Baptist Church in Oklahoma City and a member of the Masonic Lodge. Wiley was a pilot with the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He was shot down and held as a prisoner of war in Germany for two years. Survivors: one son, David Mose Wiley of Ada; two daughters, Tresha Brock of Oklahoma City and Patsy Schmidkofer of Earlsboro; two brothers, Louis 'Speedy' Wiley of Tecumseh and Charles Wiley of Mannford; three sisters, Leatrice Coachman of Oklahoma City, Francis Miller of Weleetka and Etta Jean Connors of Washington, D.C.; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

### Bertha Johnson

SAPULPA -- Bertha Louise Johnson, 65, died Jan. 18 at the Tulsa Regional Medical Center after an extended illness. Services were Jan. 22 at the Little Quarsarty Church in Cromwell with the Revs. Edward Bear and Jimmy Alexander officiating. Burial was in the Quarsarty Cemetery. Johnson was born April 27, 1935 in Okemah. She had lived in the Sapulpa area for the past 33 years after moving from Okemah. She was a member of the Cedar River Baptist Church in Holdenville. Survivors: her husband Frank; daughters Donna Johnson, Francine Potts, Cynthia Taylor, Mattie Johnson, and Joy Barton of Tulsa; brothers Mosey Harjo of Tulsa and Thomas Harjo of Sapulpa; sister Lucille King of Holdenville and 20 grandchildren.

### Charles Joseph Wilson

TULSA -- Charles Joseph Wilson, 49, of Tulsa, died Jan. 19 at St. Francis Hospital. He was born March 8, 1941 in Claremore. Wilson was a well-known Indian artist. Services were Jan. 23 at Little Cussetah Church with the Revs. Willis Knight and Mike Harjo officiating. Survivors: sons Freeland Douglas Wilson, Barry Farmer both of Tulsa, Gregory Wilson of Pennsylvania; daughters Sabrina Wilson of California, Tsianina Wilson of the Middle East, Madana Makhani of Tulsa and Indra Makhani of New York; brothers Douglas Freeman of Sapulpa and Michael Wilson of California; sisters Becky Whitetree of Kansas and Virginia Landaras of California, and eight grandchildren.

### Mandy Harjo

OKEMAH--Mandy Harjo, 71, died Jan. 19 at Mission Hill Hospital in Shawnee. Mrs. Harjo was

born Nov. 13, 1920 at Cromwell. She was the daughter of Hannah and Alex Harjo and a member of Little Quarsarty Baptist Church. She was employed in the Bearden Post Office for many years and a teacher's aide in the Bearden School System. Services were Jan. 23 at the First Baptist Church in Okemah with the Revs. Willie Herrod and Jimmy Anderson officiating. Survivors: Harjo's husband, the Rev. Roman Harjo; one son, Allen Harjo of Tulsa; four daughters, Norma Douglas of Chandler, Nova Carpenter of Layton, Utah, Barbara Collins of Tulsa, and Cora Bear of Holdenville; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

### Norma Jean Hicks

OKEMAH -- Norma Jean Hicks, 51, of Okemah, died Dec. 10 at the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah. She was born July 19, 1939 in Okemah. She married Banson Hicks in November of 1962. She was a housewife. Services were Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. in Buckeye Creek Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Jones and Jake Marshal officiating. Burial was in the Ahfonke Cemetery. Survivors: her husband, Banson Hicks; six sons, Dewayne Hicks, Vernon Hicks, Michael Hicks, Hixton Hicks, Sherman Hicks and Simon Hicks all of Ahfonke; two daughters, Sherry Lynn Hicks of Okemah and Farrah Denise Hicks of Ahfonke; mother Wessie Grammer of Okemah; two brothers, Ray Grammer of Okemah and Jim Harjo of Seminole; one sister, Wanda Little of Okemah and five grandchildren.

### Conner Dick

OKMULGEE -- Conner Dick, 83, of Okmulgee, died Dec. 5 in Muskogee. He was born March 16, 1907 in McIntosh County. A retired carpenter, Dick was a member of Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church. Preceded in death by his wife, Lucille, in 1979; two sons, Billy in 1985 and Benjamin in 1952; two daughters, Sylvia in 1985 and Elizabeth in 1950. Survivors: sons Joe and Wallace of Fresno, Calif.; a daughter, Emma Eastwood, Okay; 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Services were Dec. 10 at Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Washington officiating. Interment was in the Okmulgee Indian Baptist Cemetery. Pallbearers: Willie Randall, Marvin Lowe, Amos Harjo, Sidney Lee, Frank Harjo and Roley Frye.

### Steven Eugene Marshall

MUSKOGEE -- Steven Eugene Marshall, 25, Muskogee, died in December at his home. Services were Dec. 27 at Hickory Ground No. 1 Baptist Church with the Rev. Mitchell Taylor officiating. Interment was in the Gambler Family Cemetery. Born in Claremore, June 24, 1965, Marshall was a member of Hillabee Baptist Church. Survivors: his mother, Lee Manley, Muskogee; his father, Eugene Marshall, Muskogee; maternal grandparents, Martin and Minnie Manley, Checotah; paternal grandmother, Goldie Marshall, Tulsa; four brothers, Gerald, Tulsa, Bobby, T.J. and Clayton, all of the home; three sisters, Eugenia, Tulsa; Sharon and Janessa, both of the home. Pallbearers: Ronald Butler, Wesley Butler, Paul Harjo, Bruce Harjo, Robert Manley and Buddy Manley.

## Genealogy search

If you need help in genealogy research and tracing your ancestry, address your inquiry to the Communications Department, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Include your return address.

I am a freelance writer seeking information on the lives and careers of two Cherokee men said to have been well-known throughout the Indian Territory in the 1870s and 1880s.

They are: Sam Sixkiller who served as High Sheriff from 1875 through 1878. He then served as Captain of the Indian police of Indian Territory until his death in Muskogee on Dec. 24, 1886. He also served as City Marshall at Muskogee.

Also need information on Thomas Tail, a Cherokee badman of the 1870s who later became a sheriff in the Territory.

I am seeking such information as original letters, old newspaper clippings, scrap books, family diaries, stories passed on through generations, etc. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please address your letters to: Robert W. Thurber, 155 West Alpine, Stockton, CA, 95204.

## Inquiry editor

If you have a question concerning Creek Nation programs or procedures, write the Communications Department, Inquiry Editor, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Please remember to note whether or not you are a tribal citizen.

## Teacher/mom seeks help with degree

Inquiry editor:

I would like to pursue an administrator's degree in education but have no secure way to fund it. I am hoping the Creek Nation will be able to help me toward this. Presently I teach school in Claremore and have two dependent children.

Karen M. Hixson, Claremore.

Creek Nation's Office of Higher Education administers BIA grants to undergraduate students only. Graduate students should contact the American Indian Graduate Center, 4320 Montgomery Blvd. N.E., Suite 1-B, Albuquerque, N.M. 87109, for information.

## Out-of-state reader seeks energy aid

Inquiry editor:

I read in *The Muskogee Nation News* that each winter a grant is awarded to all enrolled Creeks 50 years and older for energy assistance. Since I live out of state, where do I go to receive this grant.

Hazel Flory, Parkdale, Ore.

Applicants for Creek Nation's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Tribal Energy Assistance Program must live in the tribe's traditional boundaries to be eligible for assistance. The boundaries include all of Okmulgee, Creek, McIntosh, Okfuskee and Hughes counties and portions of Tulsa, Rogers, Mayes, Wagoner, Muskogee and Seminole counties. For information on energy assistance, contact your local utility company, United Way Agency or state social services agency.

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## Corrections

-- Approximately 160 people, not 60, attended the Duck Creek Community's Christmas dinner. The attendance was incorrectly listed in the January edition of *The News*.

-- In the Criminal and Traffic Code pullout section, the sentence for operating a motor vehicle is 60 days not 609.

-- Tom Gayler, director of radiology at the Creek Nation Community Hospital and Clinic was selected employee of the year not employee of the month.

## Letter of thanks

I, Leslie Stone, President of the Head Start Parent Committee, would like to thank everyone that took part in making three families of our headstart class very happy this Christmas. If you could have only seen their faces light up in happiness. That would have been enough for anybody to have a wonderful Christmas. It is really nice to know that there are still caring people out there who can take 10 or 15 minutes of their time to help those in need. Again, thanks you for your participation.

Leslie Stone, Okmulgee





Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Five-year-old Nicholas Watkins puts the finishing touches on his Valentine heartman which will be sent to a lucky soldier in Operation Desert Storm. John-David Crabtree, 4, looks on. Related photo on Page 20.

## Sapulpa Head Start put heart into Valentines for U.S. troops

SAPULPA -- Sapulpa Creek Nation Head Start children don't understand why the U.S. servicemen and women are fighting in Saudi Arabia.

But their hearts were in the right place as they made Valentine's Day cards for Creek as well as other American soldiers.

Most of the headstarters were very aware of the ground as well as gulf warfare.

"I watch the news all the time; that's why I know," said Kirk Campbell, 5.

"They're fighting in the sand; they're trying to save the people," 4-year-old John David Crabtree said.

"They fighting in the ocean cause they're having a war," 4-year-old Anson Farmer explained.

Relating the sentiment of Majda Simms headstart class, 4-year-old Jennifer Frost expressed it best, "We made'em (Valentine's Day cards) because we love'em!"

## Admission clerk given employee of month award for performance

OKEMAH -- Betty Smith, Creek Nation Community Hospital admission clerk, has been selected hospital and Okemah Indian Health Clinic employee of the month.

Smith has been employed at the hospital for 13 months and her excellent attendance is one reason she received the award,

Rita Williams, committee chairman, said.

Smith is the daughter of Joe and Jeanetta Smith. She is a member of Perry Springs Indian Baptist Church.



## Berryhill

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on the Dawes Commission Rolls.

"I guess it would be a good law if so many people weren't being left out that didn't have tribal affiliation."

Tiger said she probably would disagree with the law if she couldn't prove her lineage. But, being a Creek Nation member, the law won't affect her.

"I'm registered with the Creek Nation and I know I'm an Indian and I think in the Indian way. I was never bothered by other people (non-Indians) selling Indian artwork," she said, confidently.

"What about unregistered fullbloods?" artist Lelane Stone questioned. Stone is a close relative of Willard Stone, a prominent artist whose artwork has been pulled from museum shelves because he is not an enrolled Cherokee member.

"If your not an enrolled member you're not concerned about your tribe, your children and your elders. This country is founded on a law and you've got to live by it," replied Ron English, Anadarko artist.

Trading post and art gallery owners in opposition to the legislation is understandable; they will be gravely affected by the new law. The act will require them to obtain proof of an artisan's tribal membership before purchasing products. "The thought of ever approaching them and questioning their tribal membership," was inconceivable, said Choc Charleston, former owner of the Choc-taw Trading Post, Oklahoma City.

The act also will force gallery and trading post owners to weed out non-Indian merchandise from their existing inventory.

"They don't know what they can sell and can't sell because they're busy getting photocopies of their (Certificate Degree of Indian Blood) cards. So they've had to pull the artwork off the walls," Tiger said in reference to the Tiger Gallery, Muskogee.

"It's putting some strains on a few gallery businesses that are having hard times already," she said.

"It (the act) must be working; it's cleaning him out," Anthony Mitchell, full-blood Muscogee-Seminole artist, said

in reference to the owner of Native American Art Gallery, Tulsa.

In line with tribal sovereignty, the certification process will be up to the criteria of each individual tribe, Craven said.

"Each and every tribe will determine their certification process and how they will determine who will be an artist. It could be by oral history and it could be by CDIB," Craven said.

The Creek Nation's policy will be based on Muscogee Nation Citizenship Cards.

"Is there a chance that a non-Indian could be certified as an Indian?" questioned Eula Dukeane, fullblood Seminole artist.

"Certainly the intention of the law would be no, but it will be up to the tribe and the integrity

of the tribe," Stamm said.

Tribes are prohibited from collecting a fee for certifying people as Indian artisans.

Charleston feels the law gives the card-carrying artist an advantage over artists who cannot prove their Indian ancestry.

"I hope this law was not written to give an artist with a card an advantage over the Indian without a card," Charleston said.

What about the advantage lucrative thinbloods have exerted over the fullblood at Indian arts and crafts shows for years?

Eula Dukeane, pureblood Seminole artist, related her, as well as other Native American's, experiences at art shows. The aggressive non-Indians were always barging through us, shoving us to the side, she recalled.

"The real Indian who paints doesn't get enough exposure and the non-Indians are the ones getting all the attention. My opinion is it's a good thing; it gets rid of the phonies. A lot of these people have been riding on the coattails of Indians for too long," Mitchell said.

He considers himself most fortunate to be alive to see this act enforced.

Mitchell's thinblood artist friends believe whether individuals are full-blood or 1/164 we are all Indian, thus we should share or divulge our "Indian-ness" to the world.

Indians are quiet people by nature. Non-Indians jokingly call Indians stone-faced, but they don't understand Indian mentality. Real Indians don't have to display or proclaim their heritage.

Elders teach us some things that can be passed onto others and some things that are to be kept sacred. As Indians we can discern the difference, but it is the non-Indian mentality of artists, claiming to be Indian, that bothers Mitchell the most.

"They believe that we should share everything and give everything away when we don't have the right to do that,"

said Mitchell who was raised very traditionally.

He maintains the act gives the Native Americans a chance to prosper in a career that rightly belongs to them.

"It gives the real Indian artist a chance, because these non-Indians have gimmicks."

He also believes the act will help in eliminating politics involved in many art shows. Mitchell has seen non-Indians get into Indian art shows while legitimate Native American artists were turned down.

Many non-Indians get into art shows because they know the board members, "they know who's up there and pulling for them," Mitchell said.

Because he has non-Indian artist friends in strong opposition to the law, Mitchell jokingly hopes his opinion doesn't make them turn on him.

"I just hope I don't get an arrow in the back, not one that says 'Made in Taiwan'," he laughed.

"It better be a real Indian-made one at least."

## Court

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talked with 156 people and became convinced there was no public support for a tribal law code.

Tulsa District Rep. Larry Bible noted Litsey's survey was too small to draw conclusions about support of the code. Bible also took exception to the focus of the debate.

"The code isn't the issue, the (tribal) court is the issue," Bible said. "Let's get to the issue."

Cox has maintained in his two veto messages that judicial reform was needed before the proposed code was adopted. The Chief also has said funding for full law enforcement has not been

identified and isn't available.

McIntosh District Rep. Frank Kamp said the Bureau of Indian Affairs has committed funding for law enforcement.

Council Speaker Ken Childers said the tribal constitution calls for a tribal court with a law code and enforcement.

Childers said Bible, who is Glenpool police chief, would begin drafting another code to be considered by the Council.

The veto override failure means this particular code will not be reconsidered.



## Valentine's

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but today you can't," Millie said.

Doc said he believes that because people were truly in love it made it easier to live on a small amount of money.

"You lived on love back then," he said.

What has kept the couple together throughout 53 years?

"Well, love, I guess. And when we got married I thought I would keep my vows no matter what. We've had our ups and downs, but I've stuck to my vows," she said.

The Yardys have five children: Arma Austin, Tom, Elizabeth Gaskins, Janelle Washington and Janet Green. They also have 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Doc belongs to Snake Creek Baptist Church and Millie belongs to Hickory Ground No. 2.

And with their strong belief in God they said it is only natural that they advise couples serve God in order to have a lasting marriage.

"The main thing is having the Lord in your house," Millie said.

It is also David and Sara McCombs involvement with the Lord and the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Baptist Association that is partly responsible for their union as well as their 51 years of marriage.

Sara said she "sort of knew who he (David) was," before meeting her husband at the M-S-W Association rally at Greenleaf Baptist Church south of Okemah.

Sara and David had both been assigned to the cold drink stand committee and became acquainted by working together that day.

One month later, she received a postcard from David. This started their correspondence which lasted over a period of two and one-half years before they married.

Sara said because of the lack of transportation when she was young, people didn't get acquainted as quickly as they do today.

After one year of correspondence David finally came courting.

It was the first time the two had seen each other since the M-S-W rally. They didn't see each other since he lived in Eufaula and she lived southeast of Dustin.

"I hot-footed it down here from Eufaula. Sometimes I'd have to walk all night to get home, so that made visits far apart."

"He was a kind of timid, shy person," Sara said. But with the encouragement of his widowed aunt, whom he lived with, David suggested they get married.

His proposal came as no surprise to Sara because he had mentioned it in his letters. "I didn't really propose, I suggested it, I guess," he said.

"He wrote in the letter that he'd like to get married, in 1939. He came down on a Friday

**"... When we got married I thought I would keep my vows no matter what. We've had our ups and downs, but I've stuck to my vows ..."**

**--Millie Yardy**

evening and said 'lets get married.'"

Sara said she was undecided because she had been caring for her sick mother.

"I told my mother what he came for and she didn't say much. She said 'ya'll are old enough to do what you want to do.'"

"We were 30 and 31 at the time and both of us had never been married before. We where Christian young people and very attentive to our church activities. Maybe God had a hand in it since he was a Christian man and I was a Christian girl."

David, having hitchhiked to her home, asked a white neighbor couple to take them to the home of the West Eufaula Church minister to be married, Sara said.

"They were more excited than we were," she said of her neighbors.

After they married, Sara returned home and David went back to Eufaula where he was employed.

"It wasn't like people getting married and going on a honeymoon. I had a responsibility to take care of my mother and he had a job."

David eventually moved into her mother's home where they farmed and raised cattle on the original allotment and still live today.

Sara said she believes they have stayed together so long because they have the same interests and communicate and respect each other.

"What I do, he doesn't criticize. And I don't criticize what he does. What little business we have to talk about we agree upon."

Do they still hold hands after 51 years of marriage?

"You have to when you lead him around whether you want to be affectionate or not," Sara joked, referring to the assistance she must offer her husband because of his failing eyesight.

"They (M-S-W members) began to think we were acting love ways," when David began to lose his eyesight 12 years ago.

Some lady said "here come the lovebirds," but it wasn't funny when you love your mate and you're trying to meet his needs.

She maintains their ability to be patient and understanding also has made positive contributions to their relationship. When David's sight began to fail he took Sara into the fields behind

their house and taught her to drive.

"A person, when they get as old as we are, they get snappy at each other, but we don't. A lot of things I have to do around here by myself, but I don't mind; I respect his disabilities," said Sara, who raises chickens, hogs and cattle.

Sara said she belongs to Weogufkee Baptist Church and has been the church secretary/treasurer for 26 years. Dave was the church's pastor for 16 years, but had to retire after his sight began to deteriorate. He also has served as M-S-W Association treasurer and chairman of the association's bible school.

They have one daughter, Rose Mary Maxie, and two grandchildren.

What kind of advice would Sara give someone before making a decision to marry?

"I think the more mature your mind gets you learn what kind of person you'd like to marry and live with forever. If you marry because you have a great respect for one another it grows into love."

The Rev. Earl and Lucille Dunson married on Christmas Eve in 1937 and he still believes she is the best Christmas present he ever received.

The couple grew up together in the Thlopthlocco community south of Okemah and began courting while still in high school.

During a Christmas Eve service at Thlopthlocco Methodist Church the couple snuck away to have Earl's father, Thomas H. Dunson, a security guard, marry them.

"We slipped off Christmas Eve and took dad to Thlopthlocco Tribal Town Community Building, to work, and married."

"So she was my Christmas present and I've still got it," Earl joked.

They said they believe their marriage has existed because of trust and "the will of God."

The Dunsons are both members of the Thlopthlocco Methodist Church and Earl fills the pulpit when the circuit preacher is not present.

Like his father married him, Earl married his son, James Earl, on his and Lucille's 50th anniversary.

The Dunsons children are James, Lorene Lusty, Marian Mitchell, Richard, Beverly Parker, Genese Switch and Steve.

They also have eight 20 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Lucille said her advice to her grandchildren before marrying is "you're too young, wait a little while."

After 53 years Earl contends, "It's just a habit with us now, to be together," so they are not very romantic anymore.

Offering an excuse for their lack of affection Lucille joked, "We're fullbloods."

"Old age has caught up with me," Earl also joked.

"Some are like that (affectionate) and others are not, but we know the love is there."

## Eufaula

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possess the house. The high court ruled that the Harjo house was Indian country.

Cox said that case should not be applied because the Harjo land was restricted property before it was deeded to the Seminole Nation Housing Authority to build a mutual help home.

Cox also suggested that tribal politics may have been an influence in the city's action. Eufaula mayor Joe Johnson also serves as the Chief Justice of the tribe's Supreme Court. Cox and the court have been at odds over the development of tribal law enforcement.

Johnson said one solution would be to have the state legislature pass a law for the city and state

to have jurisdiction.

Another option is to have the housing Authority file a friendly lawsuit against Eufaula. State courts, however, have not been sympathetic with Indian interests in past cases.

Johnson said that if a suit was filed and the Housing Authority lost its case there would be no recourse for the tribe.

Unanswered is why the city is withholding police protection from those areas when water, sewer and other municipal services are continued.

Some of the affected Eufaula citizens are claiming there is a cover-up since the Department of Public Safety memo was issued in October and the

city attorney opinion was issued late January.

Johnson said there was no coverup but wanted to be discreet with such news. He said he did not want to alert "the thugs and criminal element" that the city was not providing police protection to mutual help homes owned by the Housing Authority and to low rent apartments.

"As mayor, chief justice and a Creek, I want a solution to the problem," Johnson said. "But I can't agree to something that breaks the law."

At its February meeting, the Creek Nation Housing Authority announced it would seek legal advice. The authority plans to discuss the problem with its attorney, Robert English.



## Church briefs

### Indian Baptist Awakener back in circulation after short hiatus

HENRYETTA -- The Indian Baptist Awakener, the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Indian Baptist Association newsletter, has resumed publication. The newsletter is being compiled by Associational moderator the Rev. Willis Knight and Sunday School Director Loretta Denny.

Publication was disrupted temporarily when former director of missions Leon Postoak resigned in October to lead Central Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

The Awakener staff is seeking news and financial contributions from MSW members. Send church news to Willis Knight, P.O. Box 486, Sapulpa, OK 74066 or Loretta Denny 429 W. 150th, Glenpool, OK 74033.

### M-S-W Association to appoint new search committee Feb. 16

SASAKWA -- The Executive Board Meeting for the M-S-W Association will be Saturday, Feb. 16 at Spring Baptist Church in Sasakwa. A director of missions search committee will be appointed.

"We're hoping we will find someone who knows our culture, our Indian people and can lead us," the Rev. Willis Knight said.

Knight is pastor of Little Cussetah and is M-S-W Association moderator.

### Church resource kits available from Oklahoma Baptist group

HENRYETTA -- The Rev. Willis Knight says church resource kits are available from the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. Publications, videos and tracts can be helpful for churches Knight said. Churches needing assistance obtaining the information should contact Knight at (918) 224-2955.

### Greenleaf pastor resumes job after recent health problems

OKEMAH -- Greenleaf Baptist Church pastor John Burgess has resumed some preaching after being treated for slight paralysis and a heart murmur. Burgess said he is grateful for the prayers and support.

### Have a wild onion dinner?

### Promote it in newspaper

OKMULGEE -- Wild onion season will arrive soon. For many churches, wild onion dinners are fundraisers and times for fellowship. If your church has set a wild onion dinner date, please contact *The Muscogee Nation News* with the information. The tribal communications department can also assist churches with their publicity efforts with local and area media. Contact the Muscogee Nation News at (918) 756-8700, 758-0824, or write P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

## Election

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as town king and said he would even perform his job without salary.

"Just give me enough to eat on and pay my bills. I don't need big money and I don't intend to rob Thlopthlocco."

Candidates for the five offices at Thlopthlocco were nominated by the tribal town members just prior to the election.

Because of the nature of the traditional (standup) election, tribal town members were unaware of who would run for office until about 10 to 15 minutes before the actual election.

Article 5 of the tribal town constitution provides for the offices of town king, two warriors, a secretary and treasurer. These offices consist of half of the town's business committee, 10 members who constitute the governing body of the tribal town. The remaining five are an advisory council appointed by the five elected officers.

Prior to each election the business committee granted nominees five minutes to give a campaign speech.

In his platform McGertt contended that his immediate priorities would be to pay \$11,000 owed to the state for Oklahoma unemployment taxes and \$27,000 owed to the Internal Revenue Service for federal payroll deductions.

-- Tony Lowe defeated Jess Scott 41 to 24 in the run for tribal town warrior. Lowe said his objectives would be to pay money owed to the state and the IRS. He said he is also concerned with the revision of the tribal town's 1938 constitution and by-laws.

David Wind, Alabama Quarsarte Tribal Town, and Lowe were the official vote counters, although George Scott assumed responsibility for counting during Lowe's run for warrior.

After writing the number of votes counted on a piece of paper two tribal town members were given an opportunity to view the count.

-- Frank Harjochee defeated George Scott 45 to 26 for position of warrior. Harjochee contended his decisions will be based on what is best for the tribal town members without being swayed by the other business committee members.

-- Grace Cheek Bunner, who was elected secretary last Oct. 27, defeated Barbara Canard Welborn 45 to 29 for tribal town secretary. In her campaign speech Bunner said she will work toward the best interests of the tribal town, promote economic ventures and job opportunities as well as promote the town's culture.

-- Welborn defeated Wanda Cheek Weaver 37 to 23 for the office of treasurer. Welborn said she would assume the responsibility of office to the best of her ability. "I will find out how tribal money is going to be spent and where the money is going," Welborn said.

After hearing recommendations from the members for the advisory council the newly-elected council met in executive session and later announced advisory council appointments. Appointed were Elizabeth Trickey, Jim McGertt, Rachael Ray, Cindy Yahola and Jess Scott.

Problems presented by the lack of an official

tribal town roll, as well as election code, were evident at the election.

Just prior to town king election, town member Wayne Harjo, told the business committee that Charlie McGertt should not vote for himself because he had been acting tribal town king.

McGertt's tribal town membership also was disputed by members, although he said he is a full member.

And prior to the secretary's election, Welborn alleged Bunner had not been approved as a member and should not run for office.

Bunner said, "I'm standing on my constitutional rights which means I am a member. Going by Article 4 I do meet the requirements of what the constitution says."

Article 4's first section states that the membership of the tribal town shall consist of "all Indians who were either on the 1890 authenticated census roll or the 1895 payroll of the said town were and shall be members."

It also states if individuals are born of parents who were members, born of women who were members or born of non-Creek women whose fathers were members at the time of that individual's birth may qualify as members.

She also said her mother and grandmother are Thlopthlocco members.

Voting Thlopthlocco members, which numbered around 76, were the only individuals allowed in the election hall, with the exception of two media people.

Only Thlopthlocco Tribal Town members are allowed to vote in tribal elections. Historically an honor system has been used, but there is no way of determining tribal town citizenship, Bunner said.

She contends people have become less trustworthy and an election code must be established. With the establishment of tribal town rolls and ballot voting, Bunner said she feels these problems will be eliminated.

To eliminate these problems, as well as pursue its status as an independent tribe, the business committee will begin establishing its membership, Bunner said. And it is new BIA policy that has enabled the town to obtain an \$82,000 BIA enrollment grant.

Bunner said the town could have membership up to 1,500.

She said once enrollment is established the town will have the data necessary to acquire federal monies from the BIA.

"It means eventually we will have to decide whether or not to stay with Creek Nation and allow them to use our headcount or break away and find our own sources of funding," she said in regard to BIA recognition of the town.

Bunner said the eventual goal of the tribal town will be to have their own services and programs, which she anticipates within the next 10 years.

"Ten years is our long-range goal and hopefully way before that. We don't want to make that break until we know our people are properly taken care of," Bunner said.

## Code

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tinue to act as the health board and that the political process would be used to seat a board.

On Jan. 8, Cox, by executive order, declared an emergency situation with the board and commissioned Coon and Roberts to the board.

Crow responded by seeking and receiving an injunction from Mike Flud, Supreme Court justice. That order was given to acting Lighthorse Administration Chief Barton Williams.

Williams, accompanied by Okfuskee County

officials, then dispelled an emergency board meeting with Roberts, Cox and other administrators.

In a Jan. 17 letter to Cox, Childers wrote that the nominations of Coon and Roberts had failed to make it out of committee. The letter also informed Chief that the Council would not consider Coon or Roberts for one year.

The Court however, decided Coon could sit on the board until a new board survives the confirmation process. No decision was made on Roberts.

Administration officials have submitted Roberts and Mary Anne Kane for confirmation. Kane is a tribal employee with the elderly nutrition program.

Crow said while she did not understand how the court arrived at its decision, she accepted it.

"I'm willing to work with her. That's no problem," Crow said. "That's fine with me."

Crow said she already has discussed some business with Coon. The next board meeting is scheduled Feb. 25 at Okemah.



## Evolution

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manager.

The building housed the tribal offices, had a big lodge room, bedrooms for overnight visitors as well as a fully equipped kitchen.

Canard, whose father Roley Canard was the first chartered tribal town king as well as Principal Chief of Creek Nation, said the town had its own natural gas to fire up the center's standing pressure cookers.

It also had a drilled water well and water tower for the community building and two nearby homes. The tribal town owned a grainery and a storage garage that housed a tractor and farm tools. A gas-fired hot bed also was utilized to raise young onion and sweet potato sprouts, he said.

Lucille Cook Dunson, 75, great niece of Thlopthlocco's last ceremonial ground medicine man, Reuben Cook, recalls some of the center's activities. She and her husband, Earl, remember the many sewing machines tribal town members used to make garments for their family as well as the kitchen in which they could cook.

Mrs. Dunson also recalls the time her family, as well as other town families, gathered at the center to make mattresses.

Around the same time the community building was being built the tribal town received Congressionally-appropriated funds to purchase land, small homes, farm equipment, horses, cattle, chickens and hogs.

The tribal town leased "mini-farms" to 12 tribal town members who no longer possessed allotments, Canard said.

Each farm, which consisted of 40 acres and was located on the banks of the North Canadian River, had one home, a dug well and orchard. In turn, the town's families were required to make certain improvements on their farms as well as pay rent from money made on their harvests, said Charlie McGertt, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town King. The situation was comparable to a housing authority, Canard said.

Tribal-town living at that time was ideal and almost comparable to the tribal town way of life prior to removal from the old Georgia and Alabama homelands, Canard said.

"Those (who) had their own farms raised their own gardens, but everyone pitched in on the communal (garden) plot," which was harvested and put in storage, he said.

A portion of the harvest also was canned in the community kitchen and distributed among the members.

"We had a community fair at the end of harvest. The women would bring quilts, canned goods, watermelons and squash to be judged, just like a county fair today," he said.

But in 1942 the river flooded, washing out three of the mini-farms as well as a bridge in front of the community building, making transportation along the river impossible.

The flood also changed the channel of the river. That year most of the tribal town farmers abandoned the land and the remaining few eventually left, around 1946-47, after realizing they would have to leave to work and make money, Canard

said.

The community building also was abandoned and eventually vandalized and stripped until burning down, Dunson said.

After the years following the flood the tribal town remained inactive until the late 1960s, McGertt said. Officers did meet sporadically during the 50s and 60s, but they conducted little business and usually it was leasing their lands, said Canard, who serves as the town's "unofficial" technical consultant.

Prior to the construction of the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town Complex in 1978, town members met at their original headquarters, the church.

In 1972 the business committee, aware of federal funding available, sought Individual Indian Monies, tribal funds generated from oil, gas and agricultural leases, which is held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. With this IIM funding, the business committee again became operational.

"We were aware of some of the federal funds, but had never received a penny of grant money from the BIA. The only thing we got from the federal government were some rolls of wire and fence posts," Canard said.

In 1977, deciding their 2,400 acres of predominantly flood-plain property was useless, the committee purchased land just off of Interstate 40. The 120 acres of land was bought with tribal funds and placed in trust.

The following year the town received a \$490,000 Economic Development Administration grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce. With this grant the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town Complex was built. The town also received a \$140,000 Housing and Urban Development grant to establish a water tower and waterworks system, Canard said.

The committee, after expending its funds, found it had no money to run the complex: "We survived for years kind of like a church; we passed the plate," Canard said.

So in 1979, the committee studied gaming operations by the Seminole Nation of Florida and other tribes in Washington and decided to open a bingo hall.

"It was a logical move to pay our expenses," Canard said. "It was out of necessity. We didn't have federal funds so we had to generate our own funding."

Canard said he used money from his own pocket to buy equipment and pay out bingo prize money. He said he later sold the equipment to a firm that managed the hall.

McGertt said Thlopthlocco's hall is one of the oldest and smallest Indian bingo halls in the state.

"I heard (Cherokee Chief) Wilma Mankiller thanking (Muscogee Principal Chief) Claude Cox for opening the way for bingo in the state of Oklahoma, but it WASN'T Creek Nation," McGertt said.

"We're not here to get rich, we're just here to take care of our people," McGertt said stressing the importance of tribal employment.

Currently, the town also runs a smokeshop which, with the help of outside investors, has been operational since 1984.



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Susie Robison Manley Foster, 94, also known as Sista Hvt'ke (white sister), has been voting in Thlopthlocco Tribal Town elections since she was 21. She is the oldest living member of the tribal town and the niece of Rueben Cook, the tribal town's last helis hiyah (medicine man). John White is one of the oldest tribal town members.

## Voting

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ing a skirmish with the progressives the conservatives camped about the Council House under arms throughout the week.

By this point the district judges requested Gen. Pleasant Porter and other constitutional supporters assemble around the Council House to protect the government.

One week after the vote, the traditionals overtook the capitol. Although they invited the progressives to help them survey the election they opted to stay at their camp while the conservatives began to organize the government.

Porter ordered all stores closed and prepared for an attack. The Sand's Party relinquished the Council House and retired to its camps after being ordered to leave.

Lyon arrived at the camp to find both parties armed with horses saddled.

He convinced both parties to sign an agreement to abide by the constitution. Both factions agreed to make a record of their votes to extend to the Council for its conclusion. The Council authorized six men to be present during the ballot count and both factions disjoined and returned home.

Although the traditional Muscogees strongly resisted this form of voting, today most members of the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town -- remnants of these conservative Muscogees -- haven't expressed reluctance to give up traditional voting.

Grace Bunner, tribal town secretary, said the traditional election probably would be the last of its nature because of upcoming revisions of the tribal town constitution.

The revisions possibly will establish more tribal laws, specifically an election code, which will help make the constitution less vague.

"I don't think we will be giving up the tradition of how we're doing something, but there will be more organization to our elections," Bunner said. As it is "nobody knows who's going to run for what (offices)," Bunner said.

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## In Brief

**Fund-raiser for Indian health care resource center to be Feb. 15**

TULSA -- "Dance of the Two Moons," a fund-raising event for Indian Health Care Resource Center, will be Feb. 15, 7 p.m. to midnight, at the Doubletree Hotel. The event benefits children's immunizations and medications at the center. Moscelyne Larkin, artistic director of Tulsa Ballet, is honorary chairperson. Entertainment will be provided by Earl Clark and the Spectrum Band and master of ceremonies is Tony Arkeketa, who will lead the Indian two-step dance. Other activities: silent auction of donated items, including a "Dances With Wolves" movie poster autographed by Kevin Costner, Grahame Greene and other major actors in the movie. Sponsors: F&M Bank, KCMA radio and Occidental Petroleum. Tickets: \$15 each or \$25 per couple and may be purchased at the clinic. Information: Call Kellie Blevins at (918) 582-7225.

**Montanan wins literature prize sponsored by University of Okla.**

NORMAN -- Author James Welch, whose writings explore the American Indian's search for identity in his native land, is the 1991

recipient of the Native American Literature Prize.

The Native American Literature Prize is sponsored by the University of Oklahoma and is underwritten by the Southwestern Bell Foundation. It is the first time the award has been presented at OU.

Welch, who lives in Missoula, Mont., and is a member of the Blackfeet and Gros Ventre tribes of northern Montana, will receive the \$5,000 award at a 4 p.m. ceremony Feb. 19 in the Oklahoma Memorial Union.

**Chief, Security manager serving on Bill of Rights tour committee**

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Principal Chief Claude Cox and Lighthorse Security Manager Richard Larney will serve on the host committee for the Bill of Rights Show at the Myriad Convention Center. Shows will be March 14 through 17.

**Daylight Savings Time softball tournament scheduled for April 6-7**

OKMULGEE -- The third annual Daylight Savings Time men's fastpitch softball tournament will be April 6-7 at the Creek Nation Omniplex. Awards will be given to first- through fourth-place teams; first- through third-place individual shirts and second-place awards. Call Eddie Chuculate at (918) 756-3600, Monday through Friday after 3 p.m.

**Conflict**

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Nation several tribal members left home to fight for U.S. and allied forces.

Some had little opportunity to think about it. Others, like Barnett, who are on standby status, have the chance to absorb and reflect on the war's developments before he has to rush in.

As of the second week of February, ground troops had not advanced into Iraq. Barnett, who served in Panama during the ouster of Gen. Manuel Noriega, is keeping a close eye on the news.

"It sunk in the first day I heard about it," he said. Scenes of tracer gunfire being fired brought back memories of his military training.

"You know right then that this war. This is what we trained for. There won't be any popup targets out there on the desert. There will be humans out there trying to kill you."

In the meantime, Barnett is keeping a close eye on the news. He works in the tribe's Higher Edu-

cation Office and monitors news reports.

He realizes he's one phone call away from deployment.

"Personally, I'd be more comfortable over there than here," he said. "I don't know ... I may go over there and want to come back fast."

"I just want to do my part."

As a full-blood Muscogee Creek, he said he feels a sense of family honor and patriotism about serving his country.

"I'll go to do a job. I'm sure the Iraqis probably feel the same," he said. "My opinion is the president's my boss and it's my duty. I'm representing my family as well as my tribe."

"Your freedom doesn't come cheap. Sometimes guys have to die for it. If I could pick the way I was going to die, I'd want to go serving my country."

"That way I'd be recognized. The tribe would be recognized."

**Council**

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similar bill was approved earlier and vetoed by Cox;

-- returned to committee an appropriations bill for the Yardeka Indian Community for clarification about a proposed convenience store operation;

-- approved a land use permit for the Tulsa Indian Community. The community wants to build a center on 6.6 acres at the Mackey Sand Bar site.

Critics of the bill contend the proposed community center is too near the Creek Nation's Tulsa Bingo and that the tribe's long range plans for the Mackey Sand Bar should be considered. Cox vetoed the bill Feb. 5 with similar objections;

-- established a \$20,000 fund for qualified Creek students who participate in extra-curricular activities. The bill would require students to appear before the Human Development Committee for assistance. In the past, students have approached the Council individually. The bill limits grants to \$500;

-- returned to committee a youth council bill.

Tulsa District Rep. Larry Bible said youth councils need to be coordinated with chartered Creek communities;

-- approved \$15,000 to the Hanna Indian Community for repairs to its center. The community held a grand opening for its center Sept. 22, 1990. The community has been at odds with the contractor, Five Star Roofing, for what some allege is shoddy work;

-- established new procedures for the appointment of commissioners to the Creek Nation Housing Authority. The terms of current commissioners George Farris, Chuck McHenry, Jonas Partridge, Gary Hudgens and Ned Hodge have expired. Cox vetoed the bill, saying the commissioners will continue to serve in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations and that the authority is in compliance with the Oklahoma Housing Act;


-- authorized Chief Cox to seek trust status for Chacotah Indian community property.


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# Quarterly financial statement

For quarter ending  
Dec. 31, 1990.

The Creek Nation's Office of the Treasury, as one of its major functions, produces a series of monthly budgetary and general ledger reports on all activities and programs of the Creek Nation. These reports are made available to appropriate management personnel and other interested parties.

The Office of the Treasury maintains an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for fund accounting in order to meet the standards and reporting requirements of the Government Finance Officers Association and the reporting requirements as established under the A-128 Single Audit Act.

Reports prepared under these standards tend to be technical and complex by nature, which may require a more in-depth understanding of both accounting principles and fund accounting than those reports of other entities.

In order to keep tribal members cognizant of the financial status of the Creek Nation, a summary financial statement is prepared and published quarterly. This statement has been prepared on a cash basis to reflect receipts and expenditures accumulated on year to date basis.

A detailed explanation of the reading of this statement is as follows:

**PROGRAM NAME:** Provides the titles of various programs and activities of the Creek Nation.

**RECEIPTS:** Provides a year to date total of all cash collected for this program.

**BUDGET:** Provides the approved budget for the current fiscal year, for federal and tribal funds.

**ENCUMBERED FUNDS:** Provides totals, at the date of report, for commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services.

**EXPENDED FUNDS:** Provides totals for all obligations incurred and paid at the date of report.

**UNENCUMBERED FUNDS:** This gives the balance of the budget minus encumbered funds minus expended fund. This is the balance available for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Program Name	Receipts	Budget	Encumbered	Expended	Unencumbered
General Taxes & License	257,689	770,514	577	264,048	505,889
Consumer Loans	82,890	68,319	6	2,294	66,019
Communications	272,645	272,200	6,715	69,570	195,915
Creek Nation Bingo	559,110	2,538,856	8,788	653,996	1,876,072
C.N. Permanent Fund	22,635	0	0	0	0
Tulsa C.N. Bingo Escrow	307,481	0	0	0	0
1991 Tribal Budget	216,517	1,576,975	4,183	362,296	1,210,496
Job Trng & Plcmnt Act	6,948	0	0	0	0
Job Trng & Plcmnt Act	157,564	427,320	100	123,827	303,393
Admin on Aging 89	57	0	0	0	0
Family Violence Prevention	261	0	0	13	(13)
HHS Head Start 90	157,580	179,631	1,182	168,003	10,446
No Description	15,000	77,268	125	13,861	63,282
Com.Ser.Block Grant	83	2,390	0	610	1,780
L.I.H.E.A.P.	150	1,794	0	0	1,794
Child Serv. Title IV-B	5,669	1,597	10	1,401	186
Homeless Assist. Act '90	3,391	425	0	300	125
Family Violence Prev.	2,435	11,856	0	987	10,869
Adolescent Sub Abuse	0	28,009	0	0	28,009
HHS Head Start 91	16,251	486,476	0	23,880	462,596
Title IV-B Child Serv	8,986	55,743	4	8,985	46,754
Com.Dev.Block Grant '87	4,148	5,171	1,008	4,148	15
Com.Dev.Block Grant '88	123,683	219,444	58,978	105,914	54,552
OIAC-Energy Assistance	2,778	0	0	0	0
Com.Dev.Block Grant '90	21,378	440,000	3,961	21,378	414,661
Food Distribution 1991	60,536	247,339	4,938	66,496	175,905
Headstart USDA-Reimburse	2,892	19,832	800	14,151	4,881
Court Clerk Act. Account	35	0	0	0	0
BIA-Adult Education	45,658	41,064	0	38,159	2,905
BIA-Aid to Tribal Gov	7,585	19,360	0	18,167	1,193
BIA-Community Services	4,774	3,001	0	2,766	235
BIA-Higher Education	67,971	77,340	31	60,923	16,386
BIA-Natural Resource	75,059	91,400	732	63,636	27,032
BIA-Adult Vocat. Trng	87,689	93,215	0	72,096	21,119
BIA-Credit & Finance	9,778	23,540	4,798	3,290	15,452
BIA-Other Employ. Assistance	702	37	0	0	37
BIA-JOM Early Childhood	5,122	5,171	0	5,122	49
BIA-Agriculture	48,913	38,671	292	34,093	4,286
BIA-Social Services	43,589	41,889	0	35,684	6,205
BIA-Housing	50,194	58,957	2,395	39,309	17,253
BIA-Real Estate Appraisals	30,092	47,241	57	25,447	21,737
BIA-Water Resources	169	0	0	0	0
BIA-Other Real Estate	39,846	32,336	0	32,336	0
BIA-Eufaula Dorm (Maint)	2,472	203,477	365	147,723	55,389
BIA-Eufaula Dorm (Education)	38,590	143,899	182	72,071	71,646
BIA-Indian Chld. Welfare	15,494	9,200	300	5,862	3,038
BIA-Adult Education	0	103,506	1,610	13,354	88,542
BIA-Aid to Tribal Gov	0	297,863	7,802	83,343	206,718
BIA-Community Services	0	109,353	112	24,355	84,886
BIA-Higher Education	0	559,703	5,301	18,864	535,538
BIA-Natural Resource	0	371,366	2,905	45,171	323,290
BIA-Adult Vocat. Trng	0	252,991	333	29,195	223,463
BIA-Credit & Finance	0	95,446	0	0	95,446
BIA-Employ. Assistance	0	18,767	0	0	18,767
BIA-JOM Early Childhood	0	17,875	0	3,398	14,477
BIA-Agriculture	0	159,574	0	4,576	154,998
BIA-Social Services	0	239,156	109	55,652	183,395
BIA-Housing	0	217,809	892	9,903	207,014
BIA-Real Estate Appraisals	0	104,180	3,345	5,024	95,811
BIA-Real Estate Service	0	143,277	0	24,342	118,935
Eufaula Dormitory	443,070	907,750	21,646	175,918	710,186
CN Community Hospital	0	22,290	2,658	540	19,092
Outpatient Clinics	0	5,971	3,786	0	2,185
Alcohol/Substance Abuse	2,083	0	0	0	0
CN Community Hosp. 89	0	68,601	1,455	4,616	62,530
Com.Health Rep. 89	163,707	779,128	727	148,383	630,018
89 Outpatient Clinics	0	29,114	4,858	1,036	23,220
Development & Construction	1,432	25,000	0	0	25,000
Tribal-Property & Supply	9,827	58,000	12,675	690	44,635
Totals	3,502,608	12,947,677	170,741	3,211,202	9,565,734



**Desert Storm  
Valentine**  
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Farmer mugs  
for the camera  
while Corey  
Anderson  
intently applies  
glue to his  
Valentine  
which will be  
sent to  
Muscogee  
soldiers in  
Saudia Arabia.



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

# Tasa'hcuce (Little Spring) March

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## *Tafvm'pe time! Hompvks ce*



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Pauline Pakoska Billy, pure-blood Mvskoke, shows off a plate of pelofv tafvm'pe (bottom onions).

## Wild onion season upon us

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

**T**he glorious season is upon us. It's too early to be Green Corn and too late for Christmas but it's almost as eagerly anticipated by all mouth-watering, lip-smacking estecates (Indians) in all of Creek Country.

It's tafvm'pe (wild onion) time and whether it be the on side of the road, down on the creek or the ditch across the street from your house, copos (rear ends) are bottoms up and estecates will be busily picking for the next two months.

Every organization from churches to community centers to ceremonies  
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## Cross-deputization in Eufaula valid; BIA won't step in

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- Cross-deputization of Eufaula police officers will be considered valid authorization on tribal property in Eufaula, say two of three Muscogee (Creek) Nation Lighthorse Commission members.

Tribal Supreme Court Chief Justice Joe Johnson and National Council Speaker Ken Childers agree that cross-deputization should solve jurisdictional dilemmas in Eufaula.

"Cross-deputization is as legal as can be," Johnson said.

However, the commission's third member, Principal Chief Claude A. Cox, said the Lighthorse meeting called to discuss the issue was not legal.

In January, Johnson, in his capacity as Eufaula mayor, instructed city police not to work cases on any property owned by the Creek Nation Housing Authority, Eufaula Indian Community property, the Eufaula Dormitory

and Indian-owned mutual help homes. Johnson said cross-deputization is necessary to resume municipal services to people in these areas.

State and municipal law enforcement officers do not have jurisdiction on tribal land. Cross-deputized officers have the authority to enforce tribal laws, but not handle the 16 major crimes detailed in the Major Crimes Act.

Johnson said his action was on the advice of Eufaula City Attorney Kenneth Lackey. Cox and Creek Nation Housing Authority Executive Director Sam Whitlow said Johnson had no valid authority for such action. Cox said Johnson violated cooperation agreements and lease agreements the Housing Authority had with the city.

In response to the January action, Housing Authority attorney Robert English issued a letter to Lackey warning of a federal lawsuit against Eufaula if police protection was not restored

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## Groups prepare for troops' return

Clubs or organizations interested in having the Mvskoke Nation Vietnam Era Veterans present the color guard, should schedule them fast: the organization already is being booked for dates through July.

The organization presents the color guard at any type of function from pow wows and parades to dedications and funerals, said Otis Dunn, post commander.

The group should be particularly busy in the coming months as organizations plan homecoming activities for Operation Desert Storm troops involved in the Persian Gulf conflict.

The Oklahoma Vietnam Era Veterans Intertribal Association will sponsor a dance March 9 in honor of soldiers in the Middle East at the Kellyville Indian Community Center. Churches across Creek Country

have scheduled singings to welcome Creek soldiers back from the conflict.

Though the 32-member Mvskoke Nation VEV color guard is booked for events through July some days are still available, Dunn said.

Organizations should give the color guard at least 30 days notice of a function. To inquire about scheduling, call Dunn or Bill Jones, vice-commander, at (918) 758-0286 or (918) 758-0950. Messages also may be left at both numbers.

The color guard's March schedule includes powwows at Oklahoma State University/Okmulgee (American Indian Student Association-presented) March 9 and at the University of Tulsa (Native American Student Association-sponsored) at the Tulsa State Fairgrounds on March 23.



Letters to the editor

## Tribal citizen in Okemah advocating political reform

If the things you read here seem to be something you've already read recently, it is probably true. Things have to change fast or you will be reading it over and over in the future.

Although Creek Indian communities are established by the authority of the Creek Nation, they have for the most part, operated like some of the Third World countries: turnovers as the result of constant power plays. Then the next step is a padlocked building.

I never thought it would happen to what is recognized here in Okemah, as a "successful and efficiently run Indian business."

Our smokeshop, under the honest leadership of Okemah Indian Community President Luther Johnson, pays \$4,000 to \$5,000 monthly to Creek Nation and (it's) still increasing. In short, the constant harassing by small but powerful political groups can invent damaging charges, file them in the right court and devastate a conscientious group of hard-working employees and "get their jobs."

Getting their jobs means installing their malleable supporters for no other reason. This has happened to us. But we know the problem and we know the solution.

After our illegal ouster, we met immediately and organized to form the Okfuskee Creek Citizens for Responsible Government. And we shall be heard from! We've elected officers and a strategy that will succeed.

What we've suffered here at the Okemah Indian Community has been multiplied by some of our own elected officials. We need a tribal government that has authority to regulate petty actions or local Indian politicians. They have discouraged our Constitution reform efforts and encouraged turmoil and confusion.

We've worked too hard to allow second-rate politicians to push us aside just to get their relatives jobs. We need politicians who work out in the open with the entire community organizations instead of with a handful of malcontents.

Margaret Mauldin, Okemah

## Creek seeks clarification on right to community seats

As a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and a registered voter for national and community level elections, I am voicing my interest concerning the rights of registered community members to hold public elections to seat officers at the community level for chartered communities.

To my knowledge, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution addresses the issue of who is eligible to hold office at the community level. If there are any ordinances, policies or special rules that affect or exempt employees of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council from holding office at the community level, I would appreciate that document being forwarded to me or be directed on how to obtain this information. If this document does exist, the citizens of the Creek tribe should be made aware of it.

I have submitted a written request for this information to the National Council office.

E. Irene Van Buskirk, Glenpool

## Corrections/clarifications

The *Commerce Business Daily* is available at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation economic development offices and not on an individual basis, said Woody Anderson, economic development coordinator. Anderson said his announcement appearing in the February issue of *The News* was misleading.

# Supreme Court doesn't clear air

Mixed reactions have met the U.S. Supreme Court's Feb. 26 decision regarding the Oklahoma Tax Commission case against the Potawatomi tribe.

Recall that the OTC was seeking taxes on the Potawatomi's tobacco sales to non-tribal members.

The high court reaffirmed tribal sovereignty. It rejected the state's argument that since the Potawatomi's convenience store was not a designated reservation, immunity was waived.

The court said trust land qualifies as a reservation for tribal immunity purposes if the land has been set apart for the Indian use (U.S. vs. John).

But the court upheld the state's right to collect tax on those sales to non-tribal members. The court, however, refused to waive the tribe's immunity for suit.

Only Congress can alter that policy.

Interestingly, the OTC won't say how much taxpayer money it spent to go to the big dance only to hear the same refrain from the black-robed muses of justice...

An estimated 1.8 million people answered their U.S. census questionnaire as an Indian, according to Barbara Vobejda of *The Washington Post*.

That means Indians have tripled since 523,600 were counted in 1960. The natural growth rate should have been 25 to 33 percent but as Vobejda notes, all state counts showed a much higher increase. In New Jersey, Indian population grew 78 percent to just under 15,000.

Some of the increase can be attributed to higher birthrates and improved census taking, but not all of it. *The Post* says a lot of the increase is because of people in urban areas claiming Indian ancestry without tribal affiliation.

The issue though is money. Many tribes use the higher counts to justify requests for additional program funding.

*The Post* quoted Don Sharon, chairman of the Florida tribe of Eastern Creeks, saying, "When



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there is money involved, then people started identifying themselves this way. Everybody had the streak of greed in them."

Perhaps the federal government should demand a blood quantum minimum for Indian identification purposes. Having traces of Indian blood isn't the same as being Indian...

President Bush has proposed a 4 percent funding cut for Indian health programs and restrictions of health care to only the neediest Indians.

That item was released as the General Accounting Office reported Oklahoma Indians were receiving only 60 cents to every dollar received by Indians nationwide. The GAO report shows IHS spends \$597 per Oklahoma Indian to \$1,014 per Indian elsewhere.

Tribal administrators say the figures are not news to them. For years, Principal Chief Claude Cox has said the per capita spending on Indian health care in the Creek Nation needed adjusting to a comparable level.

Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board Chairperson Shelly Crow abhors Bush's suggested budget cuts.

"I'm against any budget cut," she said. "You can be certain I will contact the (Oklahoma) congressional delegation and voice my objections."

U.S. 2nd District Congressman Mike Synar, D-Okla., expressed similar sentiments.

"I am very concerned about the disparity in funding of IHS programs in Oklahoma," Synar said. "Providing adequate health care has always been one of my top priorities. I will work for improved funding IHS programs for Native Americans in Oklahoma."

Tribal members should contact National Council representatives to comment on health care...

Members of the National AIDS Commission toured Indian Country the last week in February. The group started in the western part of the state, visiting the Cheyenne-Arapaho complex and moving east. The group toured the Sapulpa Clinic Feb. 28.

Crow said the Creek Nation was the only tribe to submit a position paper to the commission.

"We told the commission we would like to see home health care for AIDS patients funded as well as funding for health educators," Crow said. "We need to help educate our people about AIDS and other (sexually transmitted diseases)."



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# Ruling sends reports to administration

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court ordered agribusiness and the health care system financial reports to be submitted to Coopers & Lybrand auditing firm by March 4.

The decision, made Feb. 20 in tribal court, is a result of a suit brought by Principal Chief Claude Cox against Stacy McIntosh, Shelly Crow and Sally Foster.

McIntosh is agribusiness manager. Crow is Hospital and Clinics Board chairperson. Foster is Creek Nation Community Hospital administrator.

There had been disagreement with the selection of Coopers & Lybrand to audit tribal records.

At a special session Nov. 30, National Council Speaker Ken Childers said the Big Eight accounting firm had no Council approval of the contract.

Coopers & Lybrand is in the third and final year of its Creek Nation administration contract.

As part of the budget compromise however, NCA 90-118 designated Coopers and Lybrand to conduct the FY 1990 audit.

In his suit, Cox said McIntosh refused to make the dairy's financial records available to Coopers & Lybrand.

The information was needed for the tribe to

comply with the Single Audit Act of 1984, the suit stated. The audit for Fiscal Year 1990 must be completed by March 31.

In the suit, Cox said Foster also refused to allow Coopers & Lybrand access to the health care systems financial records in December.

The health board had contracted another firm to conduct its FY 1990 audit.

McIntosh told members of the National Council in a pre-agenda session Feb. 23 that there would be no problem meeting the court's deadline.

At the Feb. 25 meeting of the Hospital and Clinics Board, Foster said she would have the reports to tribal administrators by March 4.

## In Brief

### Task force plans workshop for communities March 28

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Community Development Task Force will host a workshop for Indian communities March 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Mound Building Auditorium at the capitol complex.

David Lester, executive director of the Council of Energy Resource Tribes in Denver, is keynote speaker. The workshop will provide training for workshops to develop meeting and organization skills.

For more information contact Woody Anderson at (918) 756-8700, Ext. 301.

### Seminar in Tulsa geared toward Indian businesses

TULSA -- The Targeted Opportunity Program (TOP) of Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity (OIO) is planning a "Going Into Business" seminar in the Tulsa area for late March or early April.

OIO is a non-profit Indian organization assisting tribes and individuals for more than 26 years.

The seminar will provide an opportunity for Indian business persons or entrepreneurs to learn how to start or maintain a new business.

To pre-register, contact Grove Hayden, TOP coordinator at the OIO offices, at (800) 829-3737 or call Woody Anderson, Creek Nation economic development coordinator, at (918) 756-8700, Ext. 301.

### Fitness center owned by Creek scheduling classes for spring

OKMULGEE -- Stone's Karate and Fitness is accepting enrollments for spring classes in karate and aerobics.

The new fitness center is at 115 E. St., Okmulgee.

Classes are scheduled for adults and children and expected to begin March 18. Tim Stone, co-owner, is the karate instructor. Stone is a first-degree black belt. Robin Crozier will teach the aerobics classes.

"Our goal is to provide fitness opportunities for the whole family and to be accessible to working class families," co-owner Leslie Stone said.

For more information contact Stone at 756-0655 after 5 p.m.

## Court decision keeps appointee off health board

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKEMAH -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board refused to allow Mary Ann Kane to assume an executive commission for a spot on the board at its Feb. 25 meeting.

The meeting was the first for the board since the tribal Supreme Court ruled that Shelly Crow and Helen Coon would function as members until new members survive the political process for governing boards.

Creek District Rep. Ed Frye and Crow read the order to Cox saying the ruling prevents commissions until the health board is seated.

Cox said he disagreed with the interpretation and told Frye that none of his appointments are being considered by the Council. The Chief remained for the meeting which concluded later without incident.

Financial officer Elvina Swayze reported that Indian Health Service has been inconsistent with its advances creating a cash flow problem for the health care system.

"We've had a big problem with cash flow since the contracts were signed," Swayze told the board. "We received no monies in December and January and we're behind for that reason."

Medicare and other third party (private insurance) payments are being delayed adding to the cash flow burden. Despite the bureaucratic delays, Swayze said payroll and the accounts payable are current.

"IHS is usually two months late," Swayze said. "I don't know what the reason is."

Crow said the problem was out of IHS headquarters in Rockville, Md. and that other tribes also are being affected.

"We tightened our belts," Crow said after the meeting. "We will work this out with IHS."

Crow said the cash flow problems are temporary and health care will not be disrupted.

In other business, the board:

-- announced it will release an information booklet intended to help people understand how the system works and how to receive services. Crow said work on compiling the book has taken a year to compile. The information booklet will be distributed to communities, churches, tribal towns, grounds leaders, clinics and at the tribal capitol complex in Okmulgee.



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Sharol Jacobson discusses the scope of a diabetes research grant to tribal town leaders.

## Diabetes research grant outlined for tribal town leaders

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

OKEMAH -- Sharol Jacobson of the University of Oklahoma's College of Nursing outlined a summary of the activities of a diabetes research grant three-year study at the Mvskokullke Etlwa Etelaketa's monthly meeting.

Jacobson told tribal town leaders the overall purpose of the \$704,670 grant is to educate nurses in administering culturally appropriate health care to Mvskoke people.

Investigators conducting the research will be Jacobson and Deborah Booton, OU College of Nursing; James Gavin, OU College of Medicine; John Moore and Morris Foster, OU Department of Anthropology, and Creeks from various tribal towns.

Foster already has begun the first phase of the study -- interviews with healers and

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## Okemah community, ex-employee dispute goes to tribal court

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

OKEMAH -- Okemah Indian Community's board of directors has charged its former smokeshop manager with insubordination and has taken her to Muscogee (Creek) Nation tribal court.

In response, Margaret Mauldin, who managed the smokeshop until Feb. 7, has filed a cross-petition contending she was fired illegally.

Mauldin's dismissal came one day after the community elected new board members Feb. 4.

Luther Johnson, former chairman and smoke-shop employee, said the board is seated illegally because the community's May 24, 1990 constitution, signed by Principal Chief Claude Cox, states four board members must be present for a quorum.

Johnson said after he dismissed the Feb. 4 meeting the three remaining board members held an election of board members voting him as well as the vice-chairman out of office.

The newly-elected board and community members also took action to dismiss Mauldin, according to a termination letter signed by the board members.

The next day, Mauldin received a letter stating she was terminated because of insubordination.

Jimmie Johnson, current chairperson, said she was fired because of a lack of cooperation with the community and she gave unapproved raises. Mauldin would not attend community meetings or submit specific inventory reports, he said.

He also said she was "elected out" of her position, but would not elaborate because of the pending trial.

Mauldin, who also was community chairman Dec. 1988 through Dec. 1989, bases her cross-petition on the constitution which states there shall be no board until Nov. 1, 1992. Thus the board, already illegal in the manner which it was elected, and her termination are both illegal, she contends.

The constitution does not authorize officers to hire or terminate employees, she said. Mauldin said three other smokeshop employees also were terminated. Jimmie Johnson alleges they "walked out with her." His son, Luther Johnson, however, said he was sent a letter dated Feb. 7 notifying him of his termination.

Mauldin said she believed her termination was illegal and approached Principal Chief Claude Cox last May 5. Mauldin said Cox told her to run business as usual.

Cox said told Mauldin he didn't want the business to close: "The tribe needed the revenue and the community the revenue. I want the community to work out problems among themselves."

Mauldin worked Feb. 6 and didn't hear from board members until Feb. 7 when Barton Williams, interim Lighthorse Chief, served her with papers to appear in tribal court Feb. 11. A restraining order barring her from the smokeshop also was served.

Because of lack of time to prepare her case Mauldin requested and was granted a continuance to March 4. The court date was further postponed to an undetermined date.

She was served papers just prior to a community meeting to officially adopt its constitution. The community's original constitution was adopted June 9, 1986. The current constitution was adopted May 24, 1990 and signed by Cox, although it was never signed by the community chairperson.

### Kellyville

A dance in honor of soldiers in the Middle East will be at the Kellyville Indian Community Center on March 9. The dance is sponsored by the Oklahoma Vietnam Era Veterans Intertribal Association.

The schedule of afternoon events will be:

- opening ceremonies, 1 p.m.;
- gourd dance, 2 p.m.;
- supper, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.;
- gourd dance, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.;
- a stomp dance, 7:30 p.m. until midnight

Emcee will be Orval Kirk. Host drum will be Southern Nations Drum, Tulsa. No fee will be charged for arts and crafts set-up, although donations will be accepted. Artisans must bring their own tables and chairs. For more information call Bill Spencer at (918) 247-6610 or Bill Haney at (405) 382-6510.

### Sapulpa

Muscogee and Yuchi language classes are available to Creeks and Yuchis at the Sapulpa Indian Community office, 1030 E. Taft St., in the Creek Hills Mall, Suite 110. Muscogee language classes are conducted from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Yuchi language classes are held from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

### Okfuskee

A benefit bingo was played at the Okfuskee Indian Community Center to raise funds for the Anna Bland Scholarship. The scholarship is offered yearly to a Native American high school senior in Okfuskee County. The award is named in honor of Bland, Okfuskee County director of the Indian Education Department. The game was sponsored by the Mason Indian Parent Committee. Applications will be sent to Mason, Okemah, Paden, Graham and Weleetka schools. The scholarship will be awarded April 18.

-- Amanda Johnson won the community's Valentine's Day pageant in the infant to 5 years female category. Johnson is the daughter of Annie Hicks. Joe and Lorene Hicks are her maternal grandparents. Rebecca Walters was runnerup. She is the daughter of Issacc and Mary Walters. Her maternal and paternal grandparents are Joe and Lorene Hicks and Susie and Frank Walters. Canaan Deerinwater was first in the male category. George and Molly Deerinwater are his parents. Maternal and paternal grandparents are Juanita and the late Amos Harjochee and the late Louise and Henry Deerinwater. Jerri Culley was winner in the 6 to 12 female category. She is the daughter of Farron and Irene Culley. Maternal and paternal grandparents are Juanita and the late Amos Harjochee and Paul and Lorene Cully. Runnerup was Abby Walters. She is the daughter of Issacc and Mary Walters. Her maternal and paternal grandparents are Joe and Lorene Hicks and Susie and Frank Walters. Sagey Joe Harjo won first in the male category. He is the son of Simmer and Sharon Hicks. Maternal grandparents are Lillie Harjo and Thomas Harjo. Paternal grandparents are Joe and Lorene Hicks.

### Okmulgee

Okmulgee Indian Community expanded its smokeshop operation to Creek Nation's Okmulgee Bingo March 1. The community also is purchasing a scanning register to computerize and improve smokeshop inventory and accounting systems.

-- Fallon Proctor and Corey Pickup Jr. were elected queen and king at the community's Valentine's Day party. Proctor is the daughter of David Proctor and Thomasine Long. Pickup is the son of



Valentine's Day Queen Fallon Proctor holds her king, Corey Pickup Jr., after they were chosen at the Okmulgee Indian Community's annual party.

Donna and Corey Pickup Sr.

Receiving cash prize drawings of \$25 each were Fallon Proctor and Rachael Thomas. A crowd of 34 was entertained by the singing of the Rev. Floyd Peters and Pearl Thomas. Jackie Jackson, Etta Checotah and Darlene Taryole, entertainment committee members, were responsible for entertainment as well as the hall's Valentine's Day decoration theme.

### Glenpool

Jim Wilde, Glenpool Indian Community vice-chairperson, recently resigned from the position. Wilde said he resigned because of the amount of time involved in being a community board member. Wilde also is a single parent, Glenpool City Councilman, Glenpool little league basketball member and University of Tulsa Multi-cultural Affairs Committee member. Wilde said he is still available to the community as a consultant. The position will be advertised in the local paper and a special election will be conducted sometime in March, said Chiquita Smith, secretary.

-- Pat Clark was elected sergeant-at-arms by community members.

-- The Rev. Earl and Lucille Dunson, who have been married 53 years, were crowned Glenpool Indian Community Sweetheart Valentines at its Valentine's Day party.

### Duck Creek

Duck Creek Indian community is selling caps with the community logo for \$9 each. See community members to purchase the blue and white or solid white caps.

### Coweta

Koweta Indian Community donated three flags to the city of Coweta to support troops in the Middle East. The flags will be flown on the downtown lightpoles.

-- Wesley Randall has been selected as the Koweta Indian Community's permanent smoke-shop manager.

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## Eufaula

Eufaula Indian Community will host an Easter egg hunt for all community members at 11 p.m., March 30. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be given away in adult, youth, children and toddler categories. There will also be one prize egg. The winner will receive an Easter surprise, said Jerry Francis, community activity coordinator. Members are asked to bring a covered dish for the potluck dinner following the hunt.

-- The community's basketball team, the Running Braves, has entered the Hanna Public Schools Basketball Tournament. Games will begin at 6 p.m., March 11 through 16.

-- Francis also has entered the community's boys and girls team in a 14 years and under double-elimination tournament. The tournament is sponsored by the Mekusukey Mission and will be played in the Seminole Nation Gym March 13-16.

-- The community has purchased a plaque with the names of its Creek veterans. There are 44 names representing Creeks from World War I, II, Korea and Vietnam. The plaque may be hanging in the community center by the middle of this month, Francis said.

## Hanna

Arts and crafts makers may reserve booth space for Hanna Indian Community's Spring Arts and Crafts Show on May 4-5. Rent for booth space will be minimal, but hasn't been set yet, said Kizzie Harjo, community treasurer. Indian and non-Indian arts and crafts persons are invited to attend. Individuals representing their arts and crafts as Indian-made must provide a copy of their tribal citizenship or certificate degree of Indian blood (CDIB) card, Harjo said.

-- The community's monthly food bingo is on the first Saturday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Bingo will be played following the May 5 arts and crafts show. Cards will be \$.25 each.

-- The Lewis family of Dustin will have a family reunion at the center on March 16.

## Beggs

Creek citizen Verna Barns is in the process of organizing a Beggs Indian Community. She expects the organization to be chartered by the Muscogee Nation soon.

Interested Creeks living in the area may call Barns at 267-4973.

## Bristow

Bristow Indian Community recently reopened its feed store. The store had been closed since December because of fire damage, tribal officials said. The store is under the new management of Lee James. Store hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through Friday.

-- The community is now accepting enrollment for Muskogee and Yuchi language classes. Dates have not been set for the two separate classes, although Bristow Indian Community members may sign up at the center, said Pat Presson, community secretary/treasurer. For more information call Berniece Watson, community chairperson, at 367-3591.

## Tulsa

Tulsa Indian Community met March 5 in the Tulsa Recreation Center because its facilities no longer can accommodate the number of members attending, said Vic Childers, community treasurer. The community meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. Turner Recreation Center is at 3503 E. Fifth Place.

## Announcements



Photo by Elliot Barnett

Wallace Barnes Jr. (left) and Kim Donahoo of Okmulgee hold their twin sons, Mekko Wallace and Jonathan Ray.

## Mekko Wallace, Jonathan Ray

OKMULGEE -- Kim Donahoo and Wallace Barnes Jr., announce the births of their twin sons Mekko Wallace and Jonathan Ray Jan. 25, at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. The pair, born four minutes apart, weighed 5.2 and 5.4 pounds, respectively. Maternal grandparents are Dotti and Ray Donahoo Jr. Paternal grandparents are Doris Roanhorse and Wallace Barnes Sr. Maternal great-grandparents are the late Marge and Ray Donahoo Sr. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Joe and Betsy Factor and the late Archie and Betty Otulka.

## Okemah

Jimmie Johnson is the newly-elected Okemah Indian Community chairperson. Other officers include: Earnest Boatman, vice-chairperson; and Nadine Fixico, youth coordinator. Betsy Tiger, secretary, and Rebecca Stroud, treasurer were both reinstated. The smokeshop now is under the management of Van Hardin.

-- Community meetings are twice monthly at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays, beginning March 7. The second meeting is scheduled for March 21.

## Muskogee

Muskogee Indian Community member Alice Schoonover, 99, was released from a hospital recently after suffering a broken hip. Community members have wished her a speedy recovery.

## Wetumka

Creeks who live in the Wetumka Indian Community area and like playing dominoes or enjoy company while sewing are invited to the community center. Every Monday night several community members play dominoes, sew and visit beginning at 6:30.

## Dewar

Dewar Indian Community's new smokeshop hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

## Yardeka

Yardeka Indian Community members are selling chances on a set of tires. They will be raffled off during the community's March 31, Easter Sunday Dinner at noon. Members are selling tickets for

## Sarah Coker Hicks

OKFUSKEE -- More than 100 people attended the 90th birthday celebration of Sarah Coker Hicks Feb. 17 at Buckeye Baptist Church. Mrs. Hicks was born Feb. 19, 1901 and resides in the greater Mason area.

## Taylor E. McClellan

PAWNEE -- Taylor Elizabeth McClellan celebrated her first birthday Jan. 6, with cake and ice cream at her home in Pawnee. Taylor is the daughter of Teresa and Billy E. McClellan Sr. of Pawnee. Grandparents are Elvina and Frank McClellan Sr. of Checotah, and Norma Jean Sampson-Bible of Okmulgee. Great-grandmother is Mabel Hill, Preston.



## Christopher Aaron McNac

SAPULPA -- Mary and Eric McNac, Sapulpa, announce the birth of their son, Christopher Aaron. Christopher was born Jan. 23, weighing 8.5 pounds at Bartlett Memorial Hospital in Sapulpa. Grandparents are Alma and Delbert Gibson and George and Maggie McNac.



\$.50 each.

-- Irene Lewis was appointed community secretary/treasurer. She replaces Janet Taylor who recently resigned to pursue her education. Taylor still is involved with the community.

## Holdenville

Holdenville Indian Community meets at 7 p.m., March 18.

## Weleetka

Weleetka Indian Community's regularly-scheduled meeting will be 7 p.m. March 25.

## Wilson

Wilson Indian Community's regular meeting will be 7 p.m. March 18.

## Checotah

Checotah Indian Community's monthly meeting will be at 6 p.m., March 12.

## Oklahoma City

Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. For information call (405) 632-5872.

## Euchee reunion to be June 22

OKMULGEE -- The Euchee Boarding School Reunion Committee will host its reunion and dinner June 22.

Site for the dinner and reunion has not yet been determined because the program still is in the planning stages, Secretary Phillip Coon said.

Committee members are Jesse Freeman Jr., president; Paul Tiger, vice-president, and Coon.

For more information call Coon at (918) 227-0896.



## Legislative Overview

How They Voted	NCA 90-111 Reconsider veto of a bill establishing the tribal delegation and policy to the Inter-tribal Council. Override failed, 15 yes, 7 no, 0 abstain	NCA 90-128 Reconsider a land use permit for the Tulsa Creek Indian Community. Override failed: 17 yes, 7 no, 1 abstain	NCA 91-05 Reconsider a veto of the Housing Authority commission. Override declared: 19 yes, 5 no, 1 abstain.	NCA 90-120 A bill funding the Yardeka Indian Community economic project. Passed: 22 yes, 0 no.	NCA 90-121 A new law to amend the Oklahoma Constitution. Passed: 22 yes, 0 no.
George Almerigi, Okmulgee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Richard Berryhill, Wagoner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Larry Bible, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eugene Birdcreek, Okfuskee	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Johnson Buck, Hughes	No	No	No	Did not vote	Did not vote
Robert Buck, Hughes	No	No	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Mose Cahwee, Creek	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Ken Childers, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Did not vote	Did not vote
Helen Chupco, Muskogee	No	Abstain	No	Yes	Yes
Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clarence Cloud, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Helen Duncan, Wagoner	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bill Fife, Okfuskee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ed Frye, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Tony Hale, Okmulgee	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Mae Jackson, Okfuskee	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Frank Kamp, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Charlie Litsey, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Harley Little, Muskogee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tommy Newton, McIntosh	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Tom Pickering, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Donna Rhodes, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Earl Wheeler, Creek	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Jerry Wilson, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Absent
Thomas Yahola, Hughes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



A 91-08 Bill establishing burial policy payments. Passed: 22 yes, 0 no.	NCA 90-127 A bill funding the school clothing al- lowance. Passed: 19 yes, 0 no.	Housing Authority Commission nomi- nees. To reject nominees: 17 yes, 6 no.
Absent	Absent	Absent
Yes	Yes	Yes
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# Council OKs clothing, burial assistance bills

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- School clothing and burial grants programs were approved at the Muscogee (Creek) National Council's Feb. 23 session.

Despite unanimous approval for both bills, neither is without controversy.

Muskogee District Rep. Harley Little told the Council that the majority of the Council was embarrassed by the delay of the school clothing grant. The program provides \$50 to each family for every child attending school from kindergarten through high school.

"We told constituents the school clothing (funds) would come right after the energy assistance program (implemented in December)," Little said.

Creek District Rep. Ed Frye told the Council the bill was unnecessary since the Council approved the Fiscal Year 1991 comprehensive budget that included \$85,000 for the school clothing program.

Social services manager J. Bunny Hill told the representatives there was no money to implement the program.

Frye took exception to the claim.

"(The administration) knows what was approved (in the budget)," Frye said. "I don't know what they're doing with the money."

Frye amended the bill to use the funds that were approved in the comprehensive budget.

The bill will be sent to the executive office for consideration.

The Council also approved a change in the program guidelines to provide a \$1,000 grant for burial assistance.

Previously, the program provided a grant for up to \$1,000 burial assistance to eligible Creek citizens. Under the new guidelines, the persons responsible for the deceased's burial arrangements will receive \$1,000 regardless of the balance of the bill with the funeral service.

Speaker Ken Childers declared an override for the housing authority commissioner bill with 19 votes. There were five votes against the override and one abstention. Childers said Roberts' Rules of Order allows abstaining votes to count with the majority.

"We accepted Roberts' Rules of Order for our meetings," Childers said after the session.

In other action, the Council:

## Criminal/traffic code may be on March agenda

OKMULGEE -- A bill adopting Title 14, the tribe's criminal and traffic code, is expected to be acted upon at the March 30 National Council meeting.

Council Speaker Ken Childers said it and two other bills will be placed on the March agenda because they were not considered at the February meeting.

The other proposed bills are the video bingo regulations and organizing the Indian Youth Councils.

Childers said the cross-deputization of

## Councilor seeks input on tribal constitution

OKMULGEE -- Tulsa District Rep. Jerry Wilson is asking tribal citizens for input at constitutional review meetings.

The meetings are held every Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the National Council chambers in the mound building at the capitol complex in Okmulgee.

Wilson said the constitution review is a learning process about how the tribal government is created and organized. The constitution cannot be amended without a vote of the people. The constitution was ratified in 1979 in a close election. For more information contact the Council office at (918) 758-1415.

-- failed to override a veto of a bill establishing the policy and the tribe's delegation to the Five Tribes Inter-tribal Council. This is the second time the Council has failed to override an Inter-tribal policy bill;

-- failed to override the veto of a land use permit for the Tulsa Creek Indian Community. The Council had approved the use of 6.6 acres at the Mackey Sand Bar site for the chartered community. Cox wrote that no comprehensive plan for the Mackey Sand Bar site had been developed. The tribe's Tulsa bingo hall is located at the site on 81st and Riverside;

-- rejected the Chief's nominations to the Housing Authority Commission. The terms of commissioners George Farris, Ned Hodge, Charles McHenry, Jonas Partridge and Gary Hudgens had expired months before the February session;

-- approved \$33,000 funding for the Yardeka Indian Community for its economic development project. The community intends to operate a convenience store;

-- confirmed the appointments of Carney Roberts of Okemah, J. Bunny Hill of Eufaula, Bob Arrington of Sapulpa and Donna Frank of Okmulgee to the Executive Festival and Rodeo Committee. The committee has oversight responsibilities for the tribe's annual festival and rodeo each June.

The Council's next regular session will be March 30 in the Mound Auditorium at the tribal capitol complex.

Eufaula police officers removes the urgency to adopt the codes.

"It's a good bill but we're just going to be careful and thorough before we act on it," Childers said.

The video bingo bill will establish the tribe's regulations for the television and cable transmission of bingo games from the Creek Nation's Tulsa Bingo facility.

Presently no specific tribal regulations for video and instant bingo games exist.

The meeting begins at 10 a.m.



## Creek headliners

### John Skeeter

GLENPOOL -- John Skeeter was named Artist of the Week at Glenpool Schools. Skeeter, a 16-year-old junior, displayed his work Feb. 6-13 at the mid-high office at Glenpool Schools. A second-year art student, Skeeter is the son of Melba Williams and Joe Skeeter. Skeeter prefers stipple or pointalism style art and enjoys working from memory or from photographs.

### Pahose Taylor

TULSA -- Pahose Taylor, a third grader at Whittier Elementary School in Tulsa, has been placed on the Counselor's Honor Roll. Students receiving this honor must maintain a 3.0 or above grade-point average. He also received awards for spelling and homework completion. Some of his interests are reading, drawing and enjoying time with friends and relatives. Pahose is the son of Dora Taylor and grandson of the Rev. Louis and Lucinda Harjo of Okemah.

### Andrea Bible

GLENPOOL -- Glenpool fifth-grader Andrea Bible participated in the Tulsa County Spelling Bee. Andrea, the daughter of Larry and Shelly Bible of Glenpool, qualified by winning the Glenpool Elementary Spelling Bee.

### Kimberly R. Corley

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Kimberly R. Corley, 6, has been selected student of the month at Gatewood Elementary School in Oklahoma City. She also is on the school honor roll. Kimberly is the daughter of Keith and Kathryn Corley of Oklahoma City. Grandparents are Charlie and Ida Lewis of Eufaula.

### Jason Tilley

GLENPOOL -- Jason Tilley, Glenpool High School senior, was voted best-looking senior boy. Jason plays tight end/defensive end on the football team, shortstop on the baseball team, participates on the Indian Education coed volleyball team. He plans to attend Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo., and major in forestry. He is the son of Jenise Tilley of Glenpool and the late Charles Tilley and the grandson of Melissa McCoy of Okmulgee.

### Vernon Powell

GLENPOOL -- Vernon Powell, Glenpool High School senior, has been selected by his teammates to escort the 1990-91 basketball queen. Vernon is a 6-foot-4 forward for the Warriors'



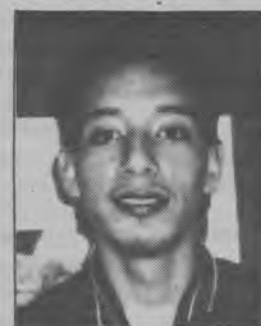
Pahose Taylor



Kimberly R. Corley



Jason Tilley



Vernon Powell

basketball team. He's also active in volleyball, Heritage Club and tutoring elementary Indian students. He is the son of Richard Powell of Preston and Pam Johnson of Glenpool, and the grandson of Vena Randall of Preston. He plans to attend Seminole Junior College where he'll major in business and play basketball.

### Truman Anquoe Jr.

ADA -- Truman Anquoe Jr. of Anadarko presented a three-part seminar on motion picture production at East Central State University.

Designed from a mass media philosophy, the seminar introduced students to the essentials of film storytelling, production and direction. Anquoe gave a showing of his 1987 film production, "Bird in a Cage," on which he served as producer and writer. The film was honored that year as Best Student Film by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Anquoe, 29, received his bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Oklahoma in 1983 and his masters in communications from Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va..

Anquoe, Creek/Kiowa, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Anquoe Sr. of Anadarko. His mother is the former Ruby Anderson, Creek, of Holdenville. His uncles are National Council representatives Robert Eugene Buck and Johnson Buck of Holdenville.

## Federal agency lauds tribal JTPA program for flawless reports

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) program was recognized for its flawless recordkeeping in a U.S. Department of Labor review.

A recent labor department on-site monitoring review concluded no errors were evident in the operation of the tribe's JTPA program.

It was the second consecutive year the monitoring review determined no errors in Creek Nation's JTPA program.

Diana McCrary is the tribe's JTPA manager. Other staff members: Barbara Dunn, secretary/management information systems; Fredo Anderson and Perry Anderson, job developers; Danna Minnick and Curtis Hicks, counselors; and Jan Bigpond and Kathy Haney, intake counselors.

Keith Yackeyonny, representative for the Division of Indian and Native American Programs, and Nancy Stang of the Division of Program and Fiscal Review, performed the review.

They reviewed:

- copies of written policies or procedures for travel, personnel, accounting/fiscal, data collection and affirmative action;
- organizational chart by name, title and function;
- a copy of all subcontracts/subgrants;
- data which tie the program's most recent Quarterly Program Status Summary and Financial Status Summary to source documents;
- a copy of the latest audit and any investigative reports, external and internal, regarding the program;
- forms used for participant intake, eligibility determination and tracking;
- names of all staff members who are funded, in whole or in part, by JTPA, along with the percentage of time each works for JTPA.

### Five ETA graduates get jobs

OKMULGEE -- Five former Creek Nation Employment and Training Administration program graduates have secured jobs. They include:

-- Shelly Knapp, Muskogee; Tommy Grayson, Okmulgee; LuAnn Harper, Okmulgee; Dellise Todd, Morris; and Patricia Frye, Henryetta.

The Employment and Training Administration assists qualified applicants in receiving training for various technical fields of study.

## Honor rolls

### Glenpool Public Schools

GLENPOOL -- The Glenpool Indian Education Program has announced the list of Indian students who attend Glenpool Schools that made the A and A/B honor rolls, Superintendent's and/or Principal's Honor rolls for the first semester along with perfect attendance:

**A Honor Roll:** Kellen Bible, Jody Rider, Valerie Kelley, Brandy McIntosh, Brad Barnes, Angela Huggins, Amanda Bayhille, Jennifer Marshall, Molly Cowan, Brittany Goff, Beatrice Howell, Shaun Waggoner, Megan Johnson, Shasta Sullivan, Misty Marshall, Dustin Sullivan.

**A/B Honor Roll:** Kenny Fish, Misty Emberton, Jade Harlin, Karlin Littlebear, Marissa Moore, Larry Thompson, Lyle Barnett, Jamica Moore, Corey Mitchell-Wilson, Mike McCall, Rachael Barnett, Jonathan Brese, Michael Bigpond, Angela Foster, Philip Schumacher, Jamie Needham, Gifford Barnett, Jesse Squire, Catherine Warrior, David Warrior, Keith Coon, Josh Griffith, Melissa Foster, Kerry

Vanwoudenberg, Quinton Billey, Darla Boone, Natalie Brown, Amy Marshall, Shaye Melton, Chris Muniz, Kris Griffith, Sean Newrider, Cais Simmons, Audrie Kane.

**Superintendent's:** Denisa Uhlman, Kenneth Warrior.

**Principal's:** Bridget Barnes, Chip Brown, Tiffany Bruner, Skylen Clashin, Melanie Hunter, Jason Snodgrass, Jared Thrower, Autumn Fife, Halona Dutchy, Samantha Goff, Lorrie Orcutt, Peggy Washington.

### Eufaula Public Schools

EUFAULA -- Johnson-O'Malley students in Eufaula Schools have been named to the Superintendent's and/or Principal's Honor Roll. Criteria: Superintendent's honor roll (all A's), Principal's roll (B average and no grade lower than C):

**Superintendent's:** Vanessa McIntosh, Spencer McIntosh, Tyler McIntosh, Jason Holuby, Grant Ray, Nicole Harjo, Leah McIntosh, Josh Hooten, Myka Saltsman, Nathan Farrow, Heather Peterson, Jared Eford, Cynthia McIntosh, Eli McIntosh, Megan Henson, Judd Pickering, Shane Harjo, Amanda Burns, Douglas Howell, Kinya Eford.

**Principal's:** Shane Boone, Christina McIntosh, Mekia McIntosh, Kristie Nixon, Shelly Nixon, Glen West, Eleasha Boone, Sallie Cummings, Karen Grayson, Misty McIntosh, Deserea Morgan, Colin Casey, Cheslee Holuby, Olivia McIntosh, Jeremy Avance, Joe Byars, Floyd Calvert, Farrah Duke, Leslie Farrow, Samuel Harper, Stephanie Leeper, Carrie Peterson, Sheridan Pickering, Jeremy Williams, Sara Froman, Stephanie Byrd, Shane Doyle, Aurelia Francis, Johnnie Mitchell, Traci Moss, Mary Nichols, Jocelyn Brewer, Tara Barnett, Todd Morgan, Kristy Dowling, Kristie Farley, Justina Givins, Akeyah McCulley, Chris Burns, Keyle Warrior, Stephanie Turner, Josh Cloud, Melissa Isaac, Audra Harjo, Zachary McCulley, Michael Yorl, Krystal Farley, Jamie Walker, Shelia Feeling, Emily Jennings, David Mitchell, Connie Evridge, Jackie Feeling, Mason Duke, Manuel Noreiga, Jessica Yahola, Katie Eslick, Anthony East, David Turner, Tyler Warren, Melanie Calvert, Serena Cloud, William Kirk Barnett, Melissa McQuay, Waylon Watkins, Jamie Fredrick, Stephanie Dowling, Chebon Harjo, Alesha Lackey, Sahley Contreras, Damien McNeal, Morris Bahe, Roquel Davis.



## Creek eighth-grader to compete in state hoop shoot

OKMULGEE -- Misty Chancey defeated 14 other girls in the Elks Lodge Hoop Shoot and will advance to state competition March 16 at El Reno.

The hoop shoot is a nationwide contest, sponsored by Elks Lodges, involving more than 3 million kids ages 8 to 13 in three divisions. The shoot was sponsored by Okmulgee Elks Lodge 1822 in Okmulgee County.

After winning the hoop shoot at Graham School, where Chancey is an eighth grader, she advanced to the county shoot in Okmulgee and competed against 16 other girls in the 12- to 13-year-old girls division.

Her classmate, Jeremiah Hicks, also Creek, won in the 12-13 year-old male division at Graham and Okmulgee. Both advanced to districts in

Claremore where they competed against 14 other kids in their divisions.

Hicks did not place but Chancey will compete at El Reno Junior College. If Chancey wins, she will advance to regionals and compete against girls from New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana.

This hoop shoot marks Chancey's second year in the competition. Last year she made it to the district hoop shoot, but lost by one shot.

Chancey is the daughter of Devin and Beverly Chancey. Her maternal and paternal grandparents are Bill and Marian Haynes and D.D. Chancey and Nita Rusher. Hicks' parents are Jim and Jean Hicks. His maternal grandparents are Sissy Lewis and Jonas Artussee. Paternal grandparents are Houston and Eliza Mae Hicks.



Misty Chancey



Jeremiah Hicks

## Obituaries

### Polly 'Tv'kse' (Barnett) Berryhill

OKEMAH -- Polly (Tv'kse) Ann (Barnett) Berryhill, 74, died Feb. 22. She was born Aug. 23, 1916, in Okfuskee County. Services were Feb. 25 at the Springfield Methodist Church in Okemah with the Rev. John Lowe and Joe Tiger officiating. Burial was at the Barnett family cemetery near Weleetka. Family members said she was always willing to



help others and was concerned with the younger generation and their outlook on life. Survivors: two brothers, Hixie and Walter Barnett; one sister Lasinda Barnett; one daughter Mary (Barnett) Martin; one son David Allen Sioux; three half-brothers James Barnett, Jesse Barnett and Hulley Barnett; grandchildren Teresa Ann Martin, Steven Craig Martin, Terri Lynn Martin, Michael Don Martin and Steven Thomas. Pallbearers: Billy Barnett, Clarence Yahola, Phil Jackson, David Barnett, Ronnie Williams and George Williams.

### Togo Micco Berryhill

OKMULGEE -- Togo Micco Berryhill, 79, of Okmulgee died Feb. 14. He was born Feb. 22, 1911 in Okmulgee. Berryhill was a retired minister. He was a medic stationed in New Guinea during World War II. He was chairman at Tallahassee Methodist Church where he was a member. Survivors: his wife, Lilly of the home; one son, Alfred Berryhill, Okmulgee; one grandson, Gregory Allan Berryhill, Okmulgee; and one great-grandson, Kenneth Berryhill, Okmulgee. Wake service was Feb. 18. Funeral services were Feb. 19 at the Newtown Methodist Church with the Rev. George Bruner officiating. Interment was in the Tallahassee Cemetery. Pallbearers: Frank Starr, Bill Jones, Johnny Wilson, Jerry Wilson, Dave Powell, Curtis Simmers and Russell Powell.

### Robert Lee Scott

WELEETKA -- Robert Lee Scott, 75, of Weleetka died Feb. 11 at a Tulsa hospital. He was born July 24, 1915 in Weleetka. A retired construction worker, Scott was a member of the Howell Memorial Methodist Church in Dickson, Texas; a Mason at Lodge No. 214, Weleetka; Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Galveston, Texas and the Carpenters Union. Survivors: his wife, Geraldine of the home; a son, Gary Scott of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Delorus Pack of Hope, Ark., and Linda Scott of the home; three brothers, Dr. Taylor Scott of Stillwater, Joe Mack Scott of Galena, Kan., and Mason Henry Scott of Dewar; three

## Letters of thanks

The family of the late Rev. Togo Berryhill would like to thank all of our relatives, friends, Newtown Methodist and Tallahassee Methodist church members for their support during our time of mourning. Mvto.

Lilly and Alfred Berryhill and family

On behalf of Charles Landsberry and family, I want to express appreciation to family and friends for their prayers, flowers, gifts and cards. Your thoughts and gestures were most generous and timely. Thank you and God bless you.

Steve Landsberry, Okmulgee

sisters, June Green of Savanna, Jean Sawatzky of Phoenix, Ariz., and Darlene McElyea of Weleetka; five grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. Services were Feb. 14 at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Weleetka with the Rev. Mike Kennedy officiating. Masonic rites will be conducted at Weleetka Lodge No. 214.

### Jonas John Haynes

OKMULGEE -- Jonas John Haynes, 56, of Okmulgee died Feb. 12 in Okmulgee. He was born March 25, 1934 in Henryetta. A retired maintenance worker, he married the former Wanda Newson in 1989. Funeral services were Feb. 14 at Shurden Chapel in Henryetta with the Rev. Larry Chesser officiating. Survivors: his wife Wanda of the home; three sons, Randy Haynes of Sapulpa, Jonas Haynes of Idaho, and James Haynes of Okmulgee; six daughters, Angie Haynes, Laura Haynes, Sharmaine Haynes, Michelle Haynes, Kathy Haynes and Lynette Haynes; his mother, Annie Haynes of Okmulgee; two brothers, Felix Haynes of Okmulgee and Daniel Haynes of Tulsa; four sisters, Marie Conley and Elouise Beaver, both of Okmulgee, Cindy Smith of Weleetka and Louise Tecumseh of Twin Hills; eight grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. Pallbearers: Felix Haynes, Jay Haynes, Donald Smith, Andy Tecumseh, Gerald Smith and Robert Smith.

### William Riddle

WICHITA, Kan. -- William Riddle, 68, of Wichita, Kan., died Feb. 3. Riddle was born to William and Naomi Riddle Dec. 21, 1922 in Huttonville. After 28 years with the U.S. Army, Riddle retired as a first sergeant. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Prentis and sisters Lillian and Phibbie. Graveside services were at Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery on Feb. 7 with Air Force Chaplain David Johnson officiating. Survivors: sons William Riddle, Wichita and Traina Riddle, Laguna Beach, Calif.; two daughters, Leah George and Sabrina Martin of Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.; brothers Cab Riddle of Kansas City, Mo., Haskell Lyday, Woxie Lyday and Gabe

Lyday, all of Wichita, Kan., Cecil Lyday of Rockville, Md.; sisters Ardena Johnson and Maxine Williams, both of Wichita, Hazel Elbert, Bowie, Md., and Sophie Lyday, Charleston, Va.; three grandchildren, Alexandria Martin, Emmanuel Martin and William M. Riddle. Honorary pallbearers: William A. Riddle, Traina Riddle, Calvin Martin, Gary George, Woxie Lyday and Gabe Lyday. Pallbearers: the U.S. Army Guard, Fort Riley, Kan.

### Charles Landsberry

OKMULGEE -- Charles Landsberry, 35, of Okmulgee died Feb. 18 from cancer. A retired carpenter, Landsberry was born Dec. 3, 1955 in Henryetta. He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Landsberry. Funeral services were at the Shurden Chapel in Henryetta with Richard Schmuck officiating. Survivors: his parents, Jack A. Landsberry Jr., and Gladys Landsberry, Okmulgee; sisters Linda Schmuck of Spiro, Helen Lee of Tulsa and Mary Taylor of Okmulgee; brothers Barney Ingram, Jack Landsberry, Jr., and Alvin Landsberry, all of Okmulgee, Gary Landsberry of Sapulpa and Steven Landsberry of Henryetta; one son Kasey Kyle Foster of Konawa.

### Jim B. Harjo

DUSTIN -- Jim B. Harjo, 77, died Feb. 20. A retired civil service worker, Harjo was born Sept. 29, 1913 in Wetumka. Funeral services were Feb. 23 at High Springs Baptist Church. Interment was in the Wind Family Cemetery. Harjo was preceded in death by his first wife Lena Wind Harjo; his parents, John and Peggy Harjo; one daughter, Connie Lynn Harjo; and one brother Duke Harjo. Survivors: wife Mildred of the home; five sons, Duke and Norman of Sapulpa, Jim B. Jr. and Francis of Okmulgee, John of Denver Colo.; one stepson, David Birdcreek of Rogers, Ark.; one step-daughter, Beverly Sullivan of Tulsa; two sisters, Bernice Thomas and Helen Bunny, both of Okmulgee; 11 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Pallbearers: John Nelson Thomas, Lloyd Thomas, Wendy Wind, Richard Anderson, George Coser and Wayne Coser.

### Albert Lee Fish

DUSTIN -- Albert Lee Fish, 46, of Dustin died Feb. 20 at his home. Services were Feb. 22 at the Merritt Funeral Service Cottage Chapel with the Rev. John Riley officiating. Interment was in the Fish Family Cemetery near Dustin. Fish was born March 24, 1944 in Tahlequah. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1965 and served 18 months in Vietnam. He left the service after four years, returned to Oklahoma and worked as a carpenter until his death. He was preceded in death by his parents, Redbird and Betty Fish. Survivors: six brothers, Ray and Bill Jr. of Dustin, Roy of Morris, Donald of Hanna, Ronald of Oklahoma City and Frank of Wetumka; two sisters, Linda Patterson of Morris and Mary Fish of Oklahoma City. Pallbearers: Ray Fish, Roy Fish, Bobby Patterson and Donald Fish.



Military



Rickey Purdin



Shannon Fixico



Billy Joe Harjo



Alan S. Bear

Rickey Purdin enlisted in the U.S. Army a year after graduating from Muskogee High School in 1977. His wife, Cheryl and children, Kristal and Rickey Jr. live in Germany where he is currently stationed. Purdin's parents are Loretta and Gene Purdin. His maternal and paternal grandparents are Grace Escoe and Timmie Lee and the late Elva and Charles Purdin.

Shannon Wayne Fixico has been in the Army National Guard for five years. Fixico received a Bachelor of Arts in education from East Central State University in Ada. He resides in Ada with his wife, Suzanne, and their two boys, Terence and Terrell. Fixico and his mother, Kepsy Fixico, of Lawrence, Kan., both graduated from ECU at the same time. His father is Kenneth Fixico of Tecumseh. Maternal grandparents are the late Helen Marie Pidgeon and Daniel Edward Harjo. Paternal grandparents are Magdalene Tanyan and the late Edmond Fixico.

Billy Joe Harjo has been in the U.S. Air Force for 13 years. He graduated from the University of Kansas in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science in business administration. His permanent residence is in Blythville, Ark. where he resides with his wife Cheryl and their children, Aaron and Amberly. His parents are Louise and Amos Harjo of Muskogee. His maternal and paternal grandparents are the late Emily Bear and Turner Bear Sr. and the late Hinner and Dave Harjo.

Alan S. Bear enlisted in the U.S. Army two years ago and is a 1982 graduate of Tahlequah High School. His permanent residence is Tahlequah where he has a 4-year-old son, Bret Alan Bear. His parents are Rae Dean Bear and Joyce and Turner Bear Jr. Maternal and paternal grandparents are the late Dorene and Neil LeFlore and the late Emily and Turner Bear Sr.

**The Muscogee Nation News** is requesting addresses, pictures and information on Creek servicemen/women who served in the Persian Gulf Conflict. If readers know servicemen/women to be Creek and have info on them please send their address, picture and biography to Creek Nation Communications, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Okla. 74447.

# Onions

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nial grounds are taking advantage of the season and cashing in on the coveted crop.

Pauline Pakoska Billy, pure-blood Mvskoke, has been picking wild onions since she's been old enough to walk.

"We had to get out when the older ones were picking onions we had to pull some up and maybe carry the buckets -- then we'd have to sit around and clean them," she said.

Wild onions come into season as early as December and still can be found in early May, depending on the location and the type of wild onion it is. The peak season is this month.

"We have eaten wild onions as early as Christmas; we've eaten onions New Year's Day. It depends on where you live -- like in the bottoms, where leaves accumulate, they're under there; they come out early."

Should you not know where to find wild onions don't expect to get directions from an estecate. This veteran wild onion picker says even the most friendly, talkative Mvskoke won't divulge his or her secret picking spot.

"Indians just point with their lips and say 'over there.' Indians won't tell you directions. You just have to follow the way their lips are pointing," Pauline said, laughing.

"That's one secret they sure can keep!"

It's a common understanding between Creeks: you just don't tell everyone where all the wild onions are, she said. Pauline's not about to tell you where her secret spots are but she will offer a few tips as to where to find them, the different types of wild onions and suggestions on cooking.

One may find wild onions in town or country ditches where it appears to be moist or damp, she said. Or if you're the lazy sort you may scope out the side of the road while slowly driving down the highway. But usually the best onions are around the bottomlands, Pauline said.

She said there are five basic types of wild onions, one of them inedible. There also is a plant called tenet'ke pa, often mistaken for wild onions by novice pickers.

"If someone cooked all different kinds of wild onions and set them on the table I could tell what type they were by the texture and flavor."

Pelofv tafvm'pe (bottom onions) grow in the bottoms under weeds and leaves where it is warm. The color of pelofv tafvm'pe is a true green.

The bulb end of this onion is relatively short while the stem is longer. Pauline said these onions are her personal favorite because of their sweet taste and tenderness.

Oktahv hvte tafvm'pe (sand onions) are found in sandy places, she said.

"They can be found around the Canadian or Arkansas rivers, some places around Deep Fork (River) or any place where there is a sandy bank. They grow deep, sometimes you can just see the tip of them. Those kind of onions are easy to come out; you can just pull them out."

She said she likes picking this type of onion best. Pauline said these onions are so easy to pull that she and her sister, the late Blanche Pakoska Berryhill, often laid down in the sand on their stomachs while picking at long stretches.

Oktahv hvte tafvm'pe and pelofa tafvm'pe have similar coloring, although sand onions have a longer bulb part than stem. Its taste is also similar to pelofa tafvm'pe.

Tafvm'pe holatte (blue or mountain onions) are found in mountainous and rocky areas that are usually dry; they are dark green in color.

"The blades are wide and they have big heads and are a little bit stronger than the others. And I imagine there are a lot of them out there right now. Because they seed quicker than other wild onions they also get hard and old faster. They're not as

## Upcoming wild onion dinners

### Eufaula, April 6

WHERE: Eufaula Senior Citizens Center.

TIME: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SPONSOR: Hillabee Indian Baptist Church.

COST: \$4 adults, \$2.50 children (drinks, desserts and all you can eat).

### Holdenville, March 16

WHERE: Salt Creek Indian Methodist Church, eight miles north and two miles east of Holdenville or seven miles west and two miles south of Wetumka.

TIME: Noon to 7 p.m.

COST: \$5 adults, \$2.50 children.

### Okmulgee, March 16

WHERE: Big Cussetah United Indian Methodist Church.

TIME: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

COST: \$5 adults, \$2.50 children.

### Arbeka, March 16

WHERE: Arbeka Ceremonial ground.

TIME: Noon to 2 p.m.

COST: \$3.50 adults, \$1.50 children. Children under 6 eat free (all you can eat).

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Following dinner an archery shoot is scheduled. Cost: \$5 for 20 rounds. Prizes: Groceries. Also 2 p.m. food bingo. Cost: \$3.50 for 20 games.

### Duck Creek, April 13

WHERE: Liberty Mounds School cafeteria.

SPONSOR: Duck Creek Indian Community.

TIME: 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

COST: \$4.50 adults, \$2.50 children.

### Kellyville, March 16

WHERE: Kellyville Indian Community Center.

SPONSOR: Kellyville Indian Community and Polecat Ceremonial Ground.

TIME: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

COST: \$5 adults, \$2.50 children.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Free supper will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The stomp dance will follow at 7 p.m. and last until midnight. Raffles will be held all day.

tasty as the ones in the bottoms."

Hiyak'po tafvm'pe (prairie onions) can be found in dry open fields or ditches and it grows flat on the ground. Its flavor and physical appearance is similar to blue onions except it has double bulbs, sometimes three, and its blades are even wider than blue onion stems.

Wakv tafvm'pe, which Pauline calls cow onions, are not edible. They look similar to mountain onions except taller, so don't be fooled. If a person is not sure if onions are edible Pauline advised tasting them before picking. The cow onion will have a very bitter taste, she said.

Tenet'ke pa is also inedible, but looks and smells like bottom onions. The distinctions between the two are the tenet'ke pa's tougher stem and flower bloom.

She suggests adding one-half cup of grease first, preferably pure lard. After the onions have wilted good add two to four eggs per skillet. It isn't necessary to add water, she said.

"A lot of people are diabetic and getting away from hog grease. They're cooking with these man-made oils and it looks like it's killing the natural taste. Pure lard is the best way. Cook it slow; don't try to rush it and it will make its own juice."

Pauline recommends simmering a covered skillet of bottom and sand onions on low heat for around 30 minutes and 45 minutes for mountain and prairie onions.

She also offered suggestions on finishing touches.

"Cook some salt meat, fried bread, red beans and cvtahakv (blue dumplings or bread) and drink uesofke with it."



## Grant

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leaders. This preliminary interview will give investigators insight as to what Mvskoke people believe about diabetes, Jacobson said.

It also will allow investigators to develop an interview in the Mvskoke language.

An interview will be developed using information received from traditional leaders and healers. These trial interviews will be used to test their effectiveness.

Jacobson then will advertise the study to solicit participants for the actual study.

The following year, 100 to 115 interviews, health histories and physical exams will be conducted on Creeks from seven different tribal towns. Mvskokes age 45-75 will be sought for interviews because this is the peak age at which Creeks develop diabetes, Jacobson said.

More women also will be studied since Mvskoke females have higher incidence of diabetes than males, she said.

By 1993, Jacobson plans to share the investigators' findings with tribal towns' people. Findings will be publicized via a health fair in which vision, blood pressure and various other screening tables will be set up.

She also said she hopes to present a program in which investigators can collaborate with tribal leaders and plan positive ways to help Mvskoke people with diabetes.

Of the grant, OU will receive the indirect costs, which total \$181,010. The college of nursing will receive \$330,623 and the department of anthropology \$193,037 both through direct costs.

Jacobson also is setting aside \$32,849 for payment to Mvskoke people hired as translators and typists.

In other news:

-- National Council Okfuskee District Rep. Bill Fife and Creek District Rep. Ed Frye told tribal town leaders financial help may be available.

Fife told the tribal leaders that since the organization is maintaining the traditions of the Mvskoke people the Council should respond by providing financial help to the Tribal Town Confederacy.

Frye suggested Moore estimate a dollar figure of materials needed to complete the center and submit it to the Council.

-- In a National Council report, Thomas Berryhill Jr., executive committee and Cussetah Tribal Town member, outlined the status of the criminal code. Berryhill also urged the traditional people to actively participate and vote during the next tribal election.

In new business:

-- The Tribal Town Center will be dedicated April 13 in Tribal Town Organization Chairman and Greenleaf Me'kko Toney Hill's name.

-- Hill made a motion to have an offering of medicine to support U.S. soldiers. Tribal townspeople will touch medicine at the center March 9.

-- The confederacy also passed a motion for the convening of the House of Warriors and House of Kings on Sept. 14. Candidates running for Muscogee Nation Principal Chief and National Council also will be invited to speak.

## Tribal town pact needs revision to retain status

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

OKEMAH -- The Mvskokullke Etlwa Ete-laketa's 1984 constitution will need revision for the organization and its center to maintain state charter status, an official told the group at its monthly meeting.

Signatures of 14 tribal town me'kkos enabled the confederacy to form as a non-profit organization with a state charter.

The draft of its constitution originally was written by Allen Harjo, the plaintiff in a federal suit recognizing tribal towns as the legitimate government of Mvskoke people.

Revision is necessary in order to incorporate the Tribal Town Center and organization into the constitution so there will be a differentiation between the two, said Dr. John Moore, University of Oklahoma professor and advisor to the group.

The center will embrace the health care of the tribal towns' people and will need a board of directors separate from the confederacy.

The '84 constitution's wording does not impede the confederacy's interest in reorganizing under the 1867 constitution.

Moore said two of the three recognized tribal towns have suggested the organization, as a confederation, take the 1867 constitution into consideration.

Under the 1867 constitution the ancient confederacy has not been abolished and the U.S. District Court case (Allen) Harjo vs. Kleppe proves that, he said.

Thomas Berryhill Jr., Cussetah tribal town representative and Muscogee Creek National Council member, told tribal town leaders that the Creek Nation's 1979 constitution has not been a workable document because of politics.

"We haven't been able to function because of the conspiracy; even our own people have taken up conspiracy against us."

"This government would have worked if white people were running it, but we cannot function out of a tripartite government," Berryhill told the tribal town members.

Berryhill maintains "ancient traditions have been stamped out" because of the '79 constitution. The 1867 constitution is a continuance of what the Mvskokes were tribally and traditionally, he said.

"But the present has no (sacred) fire; it has no roots. All it has is the U.S. Constitution."

Berryhill told towns leaders he will be making home visitations to tribal town me'kkos and leaders to seek their input in the revision.

## Religion In Brief

### Bowen Indian Baptist

TULSA -- "Looking for Hope" is the theme of the Oklahoma Indian Evangelism Conference March 8-9 at Bowen Indian Baptist Church.

The conference, sponsored by the Evangelism Department of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, is called by organizers a time of inspiration for pastors, counselors and lay people.

Ed Chaney, associate director of evangelism for the BGCO, said the conference will stress personal evangelism.

Friday's session begins at 1:30 p.m. Group discussions are set for women in evangelism, revival preparation and evangelistic music. Afterward, supper will be served at the church.

The Rev. Larry Langley, Lafayette, La., and the Rev. Chief Lawson will preach Friday evening.

The Oklahoma Indian Choir, led by singer-evangelist J.B. Dreadfulwater will present the music specials and Dan Lucas will lead the congregational singing.

Saturday's sessions begin at 9 a.m. and will feature Jimmy Anderson of the Home Mission Board of the BGCO, Ledtke McIntosh, Glorietta Baptist Church of Oklahoma City and Phillip Wade, Pine Grove Baptist Church of Talihina.

### Okmulgee First Indian Baptist

OKMULGEE -- Okmulgee First Indian Baptist Church will hold a revival from March 11-15. Nightly services start at 7. The speaker will be Ledtke McIntosh of the Glorietta Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. Song leader will be Jess French of Salina. The church's pastor is Kellos Walker. A nursery will be provided. For transportation or more information call (918) 758-0799.

### Gospel singing

OKMULGEE -- A gospel singing and benefit food sale will be held at 5:30 p.m. March 9 at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Mound Auditorium at the capitol complex.

The benefit is for the Negiel Bigpond family whose home was destroyed by fire.

Negiel is a substance abuse counselor for the Creek Nation health care system and his wife, Jan, is employed with the tribe's employment and training program.

Masters of Ceremonies for the event are Darrell "Spook" Wesley and Jerry Frank.

Scheduled performers: award-winning band Messenger, Unity, New Joy, Kelly Family, the Baldrige Family, the Bruner Family, Nancy Goat, Ivory Thompson, Newtown Choir, Leon Staggers, the Broken Arrow Methodist Choir and others.

Sponsored by Yardeka Indian Baptist, Newtown Methodist, Pickett Chapel Methodist, Liberty Faith Center, Messenger Ministry and Morning Star Ministries.

### Fife Memorial Methodist

MUSKOGEE -- Fife Memorial Methodist Church will host its annual wild onion dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. March 16 at the Muskogee First United Methodist Church, 110 N. F Street. Cost: \$4.50 for adults and \$2 for children.

-- Fife Memorial also has set its annual spring revival for March 27-29. The church is at 901 E. Okmulgee in Muskogee. Evangelist Meri Whitaker from Cookson Hills is the featured speaker.

### Creek named NSU student minister

TAHLEQUAH -- Creek Methodist preacher David Wilson will become the first Native American Student Minister at Northeastern State University.

Wilson, a seminary student, has been active in church work for several years.

Wilson will also be featured at the university's American Indian Symposium. He will moderate a discussion on traditions and western protestantism. The symposium will be April 2-6 at NSU.

## Thlopthlocco discusses finances at meeting

THLOPTHLOCCO -- Thlopthlocco Tribal Town business committee discussed its finances at its monthly meeting Feb. 23.

Tribal administrator Allen Harjo reported most of the town's funds were used to pay the Internal Revenue Service.

The town, which has \$4,000-plus in its account, owes \$10,000 in various bills, he reported.

The town's bingo hall contract, pending with

the Bureau of Indian Affairs' solicitors office in Tulsa, has not been reviewed, he said. Results should be in this month and will determine the hall's opening date.

Charlie McGertt, town king, reported Harjo's salary as tribal administrator to be \$30,000 yearly.

Committee members asked Harjo to look into contracts concerning a tribal town land purchase and its attorney's salary.



# Tasa'hce-ra'kko (Big Spring) April

Net'tv-ca'ko SUNDAY	Mv'nte MONDAY	Tu'ste TUESDAY	Net'tvca'kuce-en nvrkvp'v WEDNESDAY	Rv'ste THURSDAY	Fli'te FRIDAY	Nettv-ca'ko-cu'se SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Wetumka, 7 p.m. Kellyville, 7 p.m. Muskogee, 7:30 p.m. Yardeka, 7:30 p.m.	<b>2</b> Tulsa, 6:30 p.m. Okla. City, 6:30 p.m. Okfuskee, 7 p.m.	<b>3</b> Symposium on the American Indian, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah	<b>4</b> Okemah, 7 p.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Sapulpa Heritage Day Powwow
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Hanna, 7 p.m. Okmulgee, 7 p.m. Sapulpa, 7 p.m.	<b>9</b> Checotah, 6 p.m. Glenpool, 6:30 p.m.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Duck Creek IC wild onion dinner
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Bristow, 7 p.m. Holdenville, 7 p.m. Wilson, 7 p.m. Coweta, 7:30 p.m.	<b>16</b> Dewar, 7 p.m.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Okemah, 7 p.m.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Duck Creek, 7 p.m.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Eufaula, 7 p.m.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> National Council, Okmulgee, 10 a.m.
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Weleetka, 7 p.m.	<b>30</b>				

MNN April deadline: March 22

## Commodity distribution

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Commodity Program makes stops at 12 Indian community centers monthly.

Distribution sites include:

Hanna	Second Tuesday
Coweta	First and third Tuesday
Eufaula	First and third Thursday
Okemah	First and third Wednesday
Holdenville	First and third Tuesday
Weleetka	Fourth Tuesday
Wetumka	Second Wednesday
Checotah	Second and fourth Thursday
Dewar	Second and fourth Wednesday
Glenpool	First and third Wednesday
*Bristow	First and third Thursday
**Kellyville	First and third Thursday

Times: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\* 9 a.m.-noon.

\*\* 1 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information or an application contact the: Commodity Food Distribution Program, Creek Nation Complex, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447, or phone (918) 756-3467.

## Eufaula

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by Feb. 22.

On Feb. 20, Childers, Cox and Johnson gathered for a Lighthorse Commission meeting. At that meeting, Childers and Johnson voted to vest authority in acting Lighthorse Chief Barton Williams to cross-deputize Eufaula officers.

Cox voted against the measure.

On Feb. 21, Johnson, accompanied by Williams, administered an oath to Eufaula police.

Cox took exception to the action saying the Lighthorse Commission meeting was called illegally and that Johnson's actions were politically motivated.

At the time, Johnson was seeking re-election to the Mayor's office.

The action did satisfy the Housing Authority's demand for police protection at its units and it did not file suit Feb. 22.

With few options, Cox took his case to the Bureau of Affairs' Muskogee Area office. BIA Area Director Merritt Youngdeer met with Cox, Johnson, Childers, Tribal Affairs Director Buddy York and tribal District Court Judge Pat Moore.

Childers and Johnson called the meeting productive.

Childers said Youngdeer was briefed on tribal ordinances and procedures that provided for law enforcement and cross-deputization.

"It was a good meeting," Childers said. "This is a result of the persistent efforts of some

National Council members and the judicial branch to serve and protect our people."

Johnson said the tribe would apply for \$200,000 of BIA funds for law enforcement.

Childers said the tribe could receive three or four cars, equipped for police service.

Cox said the meeting was pointless.

"The BIA is not going to take a stand on this issue," Cox said. "I brought to (Youngdeer's) attention that there is nothing in place for law enforcement and that Williams had not been approved by the National Council as had (former Lighthorse Chief) Richard Larney."

"It's getting silly."

But Childers said he can document Council authorization and that the area office will receive pertinent ordinances and resolutions.

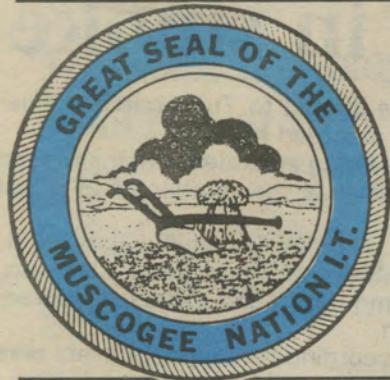
Childers said he realized BIA approval is not necessary. He said he will seek the federal agency's support out of respect for the trust relationship the tribe has with the U.S. government.

Muskogee Area Assistant Director Dennis Springwater said "I basically think most of these (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) projects come under the state authority."

But Springwater said the matter should be resolved by the tribal government.

"A lot of this is an internal situation. I have all the confidence in the world in tribal government (to resolve issues)," Springwater said.





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## Smokeshop controversy getting hazy

Reaction to high court ruling  
mixed; tribe's responses vary

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

**O** K MULGEE -- Reactions to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the Potawatomi tobacco case have been varied despite position statements issued by Muscogee (Creek) government officials.

The high court ruled the Oklahoma Tax Commission is entitled to collect a state sales tax on goods sold by Indians to non-tribal members.

The high court did not however, waive the tribe's immunity to suit leaving the OTC without means to collect against tribes.

Tribal officials were advised by the OTC that individual smokeshop operators and managers could be held liable for the tax.

Some shops have closed. Some have limited sales to tribal members. For some, it's business as usual.

Information about the OTC's response to  
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Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Customers continue patronizing this smokeshop in Okmulgee. The business sells only to tribal members.

## Counselors: Vets face changes

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

**E**ddie Hoklotubbe deals with Indians and non-Indians alike as a readjustment counselor for the Veteran Center Program in Tulsa.

He's noticed one difference: Native Americans view war differently from the white culture. Hoklotubbe said Native America's respect for family extends to the battlefields.

"Indian warriors are socially different in respect to how a war should be fought," Hoklotubbe said. "Our culture does not train us to kill women and children."

In the coming months, Hoklotubbe should find out if more differences exist as U.S.

servicemen and servicewomen return from the Middle East.

Over the past month, 25 percent of U.S. troops sent to the Persian Gulf have been demobilized. By July, most service people are expected to return.

And with the experience of war there are many changes that veterans as well as their families will have to adjust to.

They may face problems in readjusting to their normal routine, said Jim Howard, Veteran Center Program team leader.

Howard said service people, especially reservists, may have difficulties getting back into the family routine and finding out their kids have grown up.

Missing out on different stages of their

*See VETERANS on Page 12*

## Housing board seated by Council heeds injunction

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

**O** K MULGEE -- An injunction has been filed in Okmulgee County District Court to prevent the seating of four new members to the Creek Nation Housing Authority.

Authority attorney Robert English was granted an injunction March 29 against Bill Burden, Eliza Hicks, Micky Primeaux and Darla Yocham. The case was to be heard April 6 by Anne Moroney.

The controversy arises from NCA 91-05, an ordinance approved by the National Council in January. The bill declared the Housing

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Guest commentary

## Who's protecting who from artist imposters?

BY LEE C. WOODWARD  
Creek citizen/Checotah

We all agree that artists of American Indian blood should be recognized and protected from imposters.

But, who are the imposters?

As I understand it, our federal government set forth a law to rectify and simplify the situation. The law says enrollment in any American Indian tribe is all the proof needed. That sounds very simple, and the government thought it was the answer to our Indian artist problem.

But no!

We have read both sides of the argument, which I will not repeat here. I have additional information, which has not yet been discussed.

Each tribe has a different set of rules for enrollment. The Navajo, for example, will not enroll people of less than 1/4 blood. The Creek will enroll anyone who can document proof of ancestry back to any ancestor named on the original Dawes rolls.

What does this mean? It means the U.S. government will not permit a 1/8 blood Navajo artist to show or sell his work in any Indian show or gallery. The government says he is not a real Indian artist. He must leave his work at home when he goes to the big Indian markets in Sante Fe in August each year. Imagine how he feels when he sees Creek and Cherokee artists selling their work there, who may be only 1/32 or 1/64 Indian blood.

I consider this a very serious situation and I'm not sure if I know the answer.

We can go back farther, to see how accurate the original Dawes records may, or may not, have been. Who did they recognize as being a full-blood -- any person who stated that both parents were full-blood?

Then comes the question of how did all the European names get into the (Creek tribe, for example)? McGillivray, McIntosh, Perryman, Grayson, Porter, Stidham, etc.

In the early days all American Indians were matrilineal, tracing their ancestry through the mother. In the early 1700s many white men began to settle on Indian lands and marry Indian women. The husband was permitted to remain with the tribe as long as he obeyed tribal rules but was never considered to be Indian. However, all his wife's children were recognized as full-blood Indians with full membership rights in the tribe. These white men, in turn, began to give their children their European names.

The great Creek leader, Alexander McGillivray, was 1/2 Scotch, 1/4 French and 1/4 Creek Indian. The same was true of other chiefs like William McIntosh, Pleasant Porter, G.W. Grayson, etc. None of them were more than 1/4 Indian. Most were less than 1/4 and would not be recognized today as Indian by the Navajos' standards. Yet, the original Dawes rolls show many such Indians enrolled as full-blood.

How are we going to settle this argument?

One suggestion might be for the artist to submit to a physical examination. American Indians have black hair, brown eyes, type O blood, and jaw teeth with roots hooked around the jaw bone. They also possess high cheek bones in both sexes and a lack of face and chest hair in males. Also there has been no evidence of sickle-cell anemia ever found in American Indians.

If not influenced by foreign teachers, their art work will be done in bright colors, geometrically-balanced with no third dimension.

# Revenues may go up in smoke

Not so long ago, operating an Indian smokeshop and selling tobacco products to non-tribal members seemed to be a guaranteed means of generating revenue.

From most of the licensed smokeshops, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation received license fees plus 50 cents on every carton sold. The potential for communities and individuals to make money selling tobacco products was realized, with few exceptions.

Since 1986, when tribal tobacco licenses were first issued, tax collections have increased 10 times. According to a report from the Office of Public Gaming, the Creek Nation has realized more than \$1.7 million in revenue.

The formula for success was based on the ability to sell cigarettes for less money than other retail outlets. The U.S. Supreme Court decision handed down more than a month ago changes everything.

Gaming Operations Authority Board member Robert Trepp said the tribe has been selling cigarettes using a tax exemption that did not exist.

Other factors may send the tribe into nicotine withdrawal.

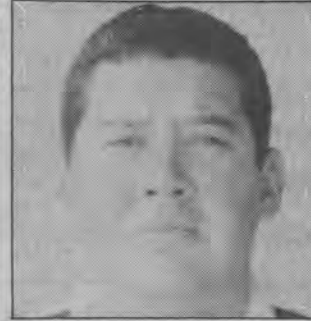
The American Cancer Society says smoking has decreased in every age group except teen-age girls. Anti-smoking groups have become militant with their campaign to eliminate smoking in public places.

Even the Creek Nation has placed "No Smoking" signs in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Conference Room at the capitol complex.

The trend in health care is prevention rather than treatment, and that includes tobacco abstinence.

It would seem that a continued reliance on tobacco tax revenues is short-sighted. Now is the time for long-range planning and more than just lip service to economic development...

Discussion of the bill changing the name of



JIM WOLFE  
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NEWS EDITOR

Hughes- Seminole district to Tuckabatchee illustrated a need for recorded history.

The bill, before being amended, originally read that Tuckabatchee was the mother of all tribal towns.

District Reps. Thomas Berryhill (Okmulgee), Helen Chupco (Muskogee) and Irene Cleghorn, (Tulsa) found common ground in their disagreement to the claim.

Berryhill said according to legend, Cusseta was the first tribal town with Coweta and Tuckabatchee following. Chupco and Cleghorn said they were both told something different from elders they knew and respected.

Though the bill was amended with Tuckabatchee identified as ONE of the mother towns, the discussion made obvious a lack of any organized collective history.

There is no tribal archive and certainly no one authority to clarify questions. Much of what is known has been passed to generations orally.

Ask different elders about creation legends and note the number of different responses...

Along those lines, the communications department is interested in recording the elders' versions of history. The phones ring often with people wanting to know something about Mvskoke history, culture and legends.

Mary Eckstein, a program director for Oklahoma City television station KFOR, is in the initial stages of an Oklahoma Indian elders project.

Eckstein wants to videotape interviews with Creeks who are confident in their knowledge of traditions and customs. She says the call is open to grounds and church people.

If you would like more information contact the Creek Nation communications department...

The announcement of Jackson Barnett as a candidate for Principal Chief doubles the list of announced candidates to two. Recall that Second Chief Perry Beaver announced his intentions to run months ago.

Filing date for tribal offices isn't until Sept. 16. Citizens will vote for chief, second chief and all Council seats. Speculation about who will seek which office has been rampant for a few months.

One National Council member noted that it has been unusually quiet considering it's more than three months into an election year.



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## Letters to the editor

## Oklahoma City reader unhappy with Okemah community flap

Things have been happening so fast and furious concerning Indian art, state tax commission, etc., that I feel compelled to add my two cents worth about the one problem I personally know about.

A few conscientious Creek Indian citizens in Okfuskee County decided that the C.A.R.E. building in Okemah, which had been vacant for more than two years, should be utilized. The C.A.R.E. building, being completely without any activities whatsoever, was also temporarily the meeting place of the previous Okemah Indian Community, which had become inactive and ultimately useless. Lack of leadership caused the lack of interest which resulted in a locked building with a surplus of extra keys floating around town.

When the new young group decided to act, they, within six months time, had a thriving smokeshop going full blast with eight employees, including two armed guards, thousands of dollars per month went back to the Creek Tribal Complex in taxes.

After a year of constantly increasing sales, the Okemah Smokeshop had become widely known as a truly successful Indian business with solid honest management. Operating under an obviously flawed and outdated Constitution, temporary officers were elected and a committee was set up to modernize and correct the obvious errors, omissions and flaws under the supervision of O.I.C. president Luther Johnson. All worked without pay or expenses.

Even the boundaries of the Okemah Indian Community's jurisdiction were obsolete. The elected representatives didn't actually know who they represented. But this is worth remembering -- only one Constitution existed. President Luther Johnson and his wife Vicky, volunteered their time to set up youth programs, domino tournaments, etc.

Limited space allows me only to say that smokeshop employee Marion Van Hardin undermined his fellow worker and helped the same old tired and bankrupt faction illegally get control of the smokeshop bank account for the Rebecca Stroud-Betsy Tiger jealous agitators.

W.M. "Snoop" Knight, Oklahoma City  
**Reader says Muscogee phrase in wild onion article inappropriate**

In response to your opening comment "Tafumpe Time" ("Wild onion season upon us," in the March edition of *The News*) the word "copo" was used.

I believe "cumulcv ketv" (to bow the head to the ground) would have been more appropriate.

Tafumpe is onion in general. Tafumpuce is wild onions.

I'm not trying to tell you how to edit your paper. It just seemed inappropriate, that's all.

Robert Jones, Muskogee

## Creek Nation's economic future, enterprise status worries reader

As a registered tribal member one must be concerned about the future economics of the tribe. I, for one, am worried about the future.

I know our bingo enterprise has given the tribe a recognized position in today's society.

One must ask, however, is the bingo enterprise enough to sustain what is necessary to make the tribe a thriving entity?

I think not.

Let us take a look at a couple of our neighboring tribes:

The Sac and Fox had a government contract to chemical warfare suits. They no longer have the contract however, (because of) mismanagement. Had they continued to produce the suits they could have prospered economically.

Another tribe that seems to be doing very well for themselves is the Cherokees. For example, they have a fabric shop in Pryor, an electric shop in Stilwell, a nursery in Tahlequah, (and) a ranch on the outskirts of Locust Grove, (where) they raise and sell beef.

These are just a few items in which the Cherokees have gained economic independence from the government.

These tribes that have these businesses are making an honest attempt to shake their dependency upon some outside force and to make it known that they can and will become a self-sustaining entity.

The Creek Nation must look into and partake of other economic concerns that are there for the taking such as a food processing plant that had been proposed to the tribe in previous years. Why such a positive economic enterprise was rejected can only be answered by those who rejected the proposal.

Another area to look into is a fabrication shop; better known as a machine shop. It is a manufacturing facility that produces a variety of mechanical parts for the various industries, i.e., oil field and aircraft industries.

Such an enterprise would be beneficial to the tribe financially. Furthermore, either enterprise or even some other industry would give our people jobs.

The future could be even brighter if the Creek Nation had a few other beneficial enterprises in our grasp. Let us not let these other avenues that are available to the tribe slip by.

Let us grow and prosper as one.

Richard Wilde, Tulsa

**Editor's Note:** The Cherokee Nation Industries Council is 20 years old. Last year, it returned \$500,000 to the Cherokee Nation from \$3.5 million dollars in operating funds. Cherokee Nation spokesman Dan Agent said the tribe does not have a tribal business in Pryor and the Cherokee Gardens operation has ceased.

## Council votes to amend constitution

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Constitution could be amended for the first time since it was ratified in 1979. The National Council approved three amendments at its March 28 special session. Those are:

-- clarifying the language for declaring winners;  
-- limiting the Principal Chief to two consecutive terms and;

-- requiring Council representatives to be legal residents of the district for one year. The wording in Article 4 section 4 is confusing. It reads: No candidate for office shall be considered elected unless the candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, when a candidate is unopposed for office. If approved in tribal-wide vote, the amendment would read "(W)hen a candidate is unopposed for office he/she shall be automatically declared the winner." Amending the constitution requires 20 affirmative Council votes, the approval of the Principal Chief and then pass a

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## Representatives OK bill to contract BIA law aid

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved a bill that will allow the tribe to contract law enforcement programs from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

At its March 30 session, the Creek Nation's 29-member legislature authorized the tribe's judicial branch and law commission to apply for the \$160,000 and two vehicles to be used for tribal law enforcement.

The money is available as a result of the Creek Nation's successful lawsuit against former U.S. Secretary of Interior Donald Hodel. Under Public Law 93-638, tribes may contract programs from the federal government and administer the funds.

The bill will be sent to Principal Chief Claude

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## Summer job applications available to Creek youth

OKMULGEE -- Summer youth applications for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation summer employment program will be taken April 15 through May 17.

The program is for Indian youth age 14-21. Because of limited funding, priority will be given for those age 16-21.

Contact a school counselor or principal to learn when a summer youth counselor will be visiting, officials at the Job Training Partnership Act program at Creek Nation advise.

Applications will not be taken unless all the necessary verification is provided.

Each applicant is required to document the following:

- social security card;
- proof of income (check stub, social security, Aid to Families with Dependent Children card, etc.);
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB);
- proof of address (driver's license, utility bill, envelope with address);

-- boys 18 and older must verify registration with selective service;

-- household residents verification (number of family members living in household will be determined by high school counselor);

-- school statement verifying student is enrolled;

-- parent or guardian signature for those students under 18 and;

-- all signatures must be in ink and signed the same as appears of federal W-4.



## In Brief

### Report: Cash flow improves for tribe's health care system

EUFAULA -- The financial picture for the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board is much clearer according to a report given at a March 25 board meeting.

According to finance officer Elvina Swayze, third-party payments increased significantly from the previous month. Swayze said the system received \$89,334 from Medicare payments.

Cash drawdowns from Indian Health Service were on schedule, she said. Last month, the board heard reports that drawdowns from IHS had been delayed.

Board chairperson Shelly Crow said she lobbied congressmen and senators for the Medicare payments to be made. An increase in private insurance payments also eased the cash flow burden.

Crow said she was very pleased the hospital had 20 patients.

"That's real good. Henryetta (Medical Center) only had 10 (on March 25)."

The board meets next at 6:30 p.m. April 29 in Okemah.

### Festival committee to approach Council for \$25,000 appropriation

OKMULGEE -- Principal Chief Claude Cox said he would seek legislation for a National Council appropriation of \$25,000 to meet expenses for the 1991 Creek Festival.

The festival, scheduled June 21-23, has carryover funds of more than \$31,000, said Bob Arrington, festival committee member.

"We've eliminated golf, tennis and the parade in lieu of this request for additional funds," Arrington said.

At the committee's April 1 meeting, Cox told the committee he would call a special session to address funding the tribe's annual holiday.

The Council has no pending legislation for the festival.

At the meeting, the committee also heard a report from the Princess Committee, recommending discontinuation of this year's pageant. The committee also recommended that last year's runnerup, Sharon "Spud" Jones of Bowlegs, be allowed to reign as 1991 Creek Princess.

Last year's princess, Dode Warrington of Sapulpa, relinquished her crown in late November.

The committee's next meeting will be at 5 p.m. April 15 at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Conference room at the Creek Capitol Complex.

### Teen Wellness moderators to focus on five topics at April 20 workshop

OKMULGEE -- A Teen Wellness Workshop planned April 30 at Oklahoma State University/Okmulgee will be sponsored by the Creek Nation Community Health Representative Department.

The workshop will focus on five subjects: self-esteem, communications assertiveness, healthy sexuality, decision-making and culture appreciation.

Guest speakers will be Billy Rogers of the University of Oklahoma's Health, Urban and Community Program and Zelda Capehart of the Oklahoma Department of Health.

Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner J.C. Watts will be the featured speaker at a 5 p.m. banquet at Creek Nation's Okmulgee Bingo.

Registration begins at 8 a.m.

More than 300 youths in grades seventh through 12th from Liberty Mounds, Morris, Glenpool, Checotah, Okmulgee and Sapulpa schools are expected.

### Dormitory receives high marks from state advisory committee

EUFAULA -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Eufaula Dormitory has received a favorable report from the Oklahoma State Advisory Committee on juvenile justice and delinquency after a February visit.

Cheryl McNair, a juvenile justice planner, led the delegation on a site visit to the dormitory. The committee is gathering information on Indian youth.

"I can speak for the entire group when I say that we were very impressed. It is obvious to us that you really care about your residents," McNair wrote in her report's cover letter.

The Eufaula dormitory was built in 1968 and can house 128 residents. The facility is designed to provide nine month residential care while the residents attend Eufaula Public Schools.

The tribe contracts the dormitory program from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The annual budget ranges from \$850,000 to \$900,000 for operations and maintenance.

Greg Anderson is dormitory director under the supervision of Emanuel Morgan, director of the division of Human Development.

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## Former educator throws hat into ring for Principal Chief

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

OKEMAH -- Jackson Barnett, a former educator, announced his candidacy for Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief at the recent Mvskokulle Etlwa Etelaketa's March session.

Barnett, 54, is the second Creek to announce that he is running for the tribe's highest executive office. He joins Second Chief Perry Beaver as the only announced candidates.

Barnett also said he announced his candidacy last year in November at the Holdenville and Wetumka Indian communities' meeting and at the Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association where he was chairman from 1987-90.

Barnett said if elected principal chief he will make decisions beneficial to all Muscogees without preference to certain people, groups or towns.

"My door will always be open to whoever might want to come," he said.

Barnett is an educator and has taught adult education in the Oklahoma City Public School system. He holds a bachelor's degree from Central State University in Edmond.

He also served eight years in the U.S. Navy. Barnett is originally from Eufaula, but resides in Okemah. He is single, full-blood Creek and speaks the Mvskoke language fluently.

His parents are Tony and Rhoda Cato Barnett of Okemah. Barnett belongs to the bird clan and is member of Nuyaka Tribal Town.

The offices of Principal Chief, Second Chief and the seats of the 29-member National Council will be contested in 1991. Filing will be Sept. 16-18.

Elections are scheduled Oct. 26 (primary) and Dec. 7 (general).



Jackson Barnett

## Tribal towns, OU instructor seeking grant to preserve language

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

OKEMAH -- A committee of Tribal Town Confederacy members and a University of Oklahoma instructor are writing a grant that would help preserve the Mvskoke language.

The grant would be used for Mvskoke language classes, research for a new Mvskoke dictionary and the documentation of Mvskoke oral history.

John Moore, tribal town consultant, made a motion that Morris Foster, OU Department of Anthropology, initiate the formation of this committee at the Mvskokulle Etlwa Etelaketa's March session.

The committee consists of Foster, Bertha Tilkins, organization secretary; and Jackson Barnett, a candidate for Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief.

He suggested proposing the grant to founda-

tions such as the National Endowment for the Humanities. His goal is to hold Mvskoke language classes at the tribal town center, make instructional language tapes, video tape stories and myths told by elders and establish a revised and expanded dictionary.

Foster said the dictionary will be divided by alphabet so words that are missing can be added and the dictionary can be expanded. OU graduate students will assist in revision of a new dictionary.

He said the confederacy will control and distribute the dictionary and language tapes as well as hold the copyright.

This will open up the possibility of obtaining larger grants, Foster said.

In other business:

-- the confederacy submitted to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council an itemized list of materials needed to complete the tribal towns center.

Total cost of materials needed: \$6,755.

Creek District Rep. Ed Frye said he would sponsor the bill, but warned that Council appropriations may shut down because of the smoke-shop situation.

-- In a budget report, Frye, also the Council's business and governmental services committee chairperson, told the confederacy that the tribe has no money for school clothing and other programs due, in part, to unapproved tribal employee raises.

-- Sharol Jacobson, OU College of Nursing, said she is in the process of ordering medical equipment and starting to plan early interviews for the diabetes research study.

-- In old business, the rewriting of the confederacy's 1984 constitution was deferred until the April 13 meeting.

The confederacy is the Muscogee Nation's traditional form of government since 1540.



## Oklahoma City

The Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association will have a roast in honor of Principal Chief Claude Cox on April 13. The banquet begins at 7 p.m. in the Sheraton-Century Hotel, One N. Broadway in Oklahoma City. Tickets are \$15. Checks or money orders should be sent to the OCMA office at 711 S.W. 29th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73109. The association also is selling tickets at the same address.

-- A Mother's Day breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. May 11 by the OCMA men.

## Okmulgee

Okmulgee Indian Community is sponsoring a 10-member team in the Okmulgee County YMCA Volleyball League. Games are played 6:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. The team will play league games until May 16.

## Coweta

Fruit baskets were given away to all Creek elders who participated in the Coweta Indian Community's Easter egg hunt and dinner. Some elders received door prizes also.

## Muskogee

Muskogee Indian Community is hosting an Indian arts and crafts show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 20. No setup fee is required and tables and chairs will be provided, said Grace Escoe, community vice-chairperson.

## Wilson

Wilson Indian Community will elect officers at its April 15 regular meeting. Lucille Bear, community secretary, encouraged all community members to attend the 7 p.m. meeting and vote.

-- Community officers last month passed a resolution to create a three-member day care board to oversee the community's daycare center. The board was created to maintain stability and continuity of program operations, said Steve Landsberry, daycare board secretary. Other boardmembers: Bruce Berryhill, president; and Georgia Harjo, secretary. The board will meet monthly and report quarterly to the community officers.

## Hanna

Hanna Indian Community is hosting a coed volleyball tournament April 27 beginning at 9 a.m. The limit is eight teams with eight-person rosters. Finalists will receive T-shirts. Third place will receive a team trophy. Entry fee: \$30. Deadline: April 24. For more information call the community center at (918) 657-2424 or Kizzie Harjo, community treasurer, at (918) 657-2595.

-- The community's spring arts and crafts show is May 4-5. Rent for booth space: \$5. The community's monthly food bingo will be at 6:30 p.m. following the May 5 show. Cards are \$.25 each.

-- The community is providing transportation to the Eufaula Indian Community Bingo and Creek Nation's Okmulgee Bingo. The van will leave to Eufaula Bingo at 5:45 p.m. Fridays and Sundays. At 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays, the transportation will be provided to Okmulgee Bingo. The service is available for everyone at \$3 per trip. The van will leave from the Dairy Bar. Passenger limit is 15. To reserve seats, call the community center or Harjo. The community will be providing free transportation to Eufaula twice monthly for Indian community members to shop or pay bills.

-- The community youth received \$2,000 out of the community's block grant. A pool table, VCR, television and cultural videotapes for the community's 25 youth members.

# Checotah Indian Community gets involved in town

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

CHECOTAH -- Checotah Indian Community may be a young organization but it has progressed rapidly.

The community became chartered in 1983. In less than a year, the community opened its center, smokeshop and bingo hall.

And the group has impressed the locals. "They're a pretty involved group," said Bobbie Lerblance, Checotah City Council president. "When they all get together, they work hard and get things done."

Community chairperson Joe Fox, who has been with the group since 1980, has been one of the forces that has gotten the community involved.

Members did not have a meeting place until 1988, but they sustained the community concept by meeting in homes or borrowed facilities, accepting donations and holding dinners.

The community smokeshop opened in July 1988 and today pays the Muscogee (Creek) Nation more than \$65,000 in tobacco taxes annually. It ties the Eufaula Indian Community's smokeshop for the second-highest amount of tobacco taxes paid to the tribe.

The bingo hall, which opened in January 1989, has made a net income of \$145,000 since opening and has a maximum capacity of 260, said Fox, also the bingo hall general manager.

The tribe receives 60 percent of the profit while the community receives 40 percent.

As chairperson, Fox is the leader of the community and oversees activities, services and programs. The community also has a five-member board of directors. The board's responsibility is to manage the bingo and smokeshop operations as well as economic development.

McIntosh County is considered a low income/high unemployment area. Martha Armstrong, community secretary, estimates 14.1 percent of Checotah's population is Indian, thus the community's main objective is to employ Creeks.

Together the bingo and smokeshop operations employ 21 people and have an annual payroll of \$134,000, said Fox, who served two terms as a McIntosh District National Council Representative.

"Ninety-five percent of that (payroll) went right back here in the city. These people live here and spend their money here," Fox said.

Fox has been organizing activities to provide city officials and civic organizations a better understanding of the Indian community and bingo.

He said he hopes his efforts will establish a positive relationship between the community and city.

One activity Fox is planning this month is a free bingo game for city officials and civic organizations. Fox maintains it is not to promote bingo, but to show them how it is played, operated and regulated.

Checotah Indians are largely responsible for the city obtaining an \$80,000 U.S. Public Health Service Grant that provided the Checotah with an improved water and sewer system.



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Checotah Indian Community has been an active organization not only in Creek Nation but in the City of Checotah. Officers include: Joe Fox, chairperson; Charles Skaggs, board of directors chairman; Buddy York, Martha Armstrong and Joyce Vaughn, board members.

Charles Skaggs, board of directors president and a city councilman at the time, made the city aware it was eligible for the grant because of its large Native American population.

The city then applied for the grant through the Muscogee Nation which proposed the grant to USPHS.

Skaggs also contends the community's objective is to provide jobs.

"That's one of our main goals -- to develop economic projects to hire Indian people."

With the help of a \$50,000 Muscogee Nation community development block grant, it recently purchased a \$74,000 building adjacent to its bingo hall. Currently the community leases the west end of the building to a beauty shop and community officials hope to establish some type of economic development to employ Creeks.

The community also owns a building south of Checotah which they have leased to a local business since 1989.

Among services, activities and programs offered to the community:

- an emergency assistance program,
- a \$500 scholarship offered to a Checotah High School Creek in May,
- sponsorship of three ball teams each summer,

-- seasonal parties as well as bingo parties for community members and employees.

The community has a Christmas program every year. It also supported the local Kiwanis Club through donations to its Christmas program for the needy. During the city's Old Settlers Day the community split the cost of the Checotah Round Up Club's championship saddle with a local department store.

The community also has helped sponsor trips for the city's youth athletic teams.

"They're very active in the community," Lerblance said.

The community also sponsored summer trips for its elderly. In 1989, the elders went to Indian City in Anadarko and last summer they went to Branson, Mo.

Skaggs said the 12 active community members are predominantly middle-aged to elders.

"I feel that we're lucky because we have the benefit of their expertise or wisdom."



## Sapulpa

Muscogee (Creek) Nation's citizenship and election board supervisors will speak to Sapulpa Indian Community members at 7 p.m. April 8. Georgeann DeLaune, citizenship board supervisor, will inform community members of tribal enrollment procedures. Juliene Stone, election board supervisor, will speak to members about registering to vote in tribal elections. Phyllis Warrington, community secretary/treasurer, said a presentation was necessary because it is a tribal election year.

-- Sapulpa Indian Community has changed meeting times and locations for its Mvskoke and Yuchi language classes. Creek classes are conducted at the community office, 1030 E. Taft Street, Suite 101 in the Creek Hills Mall, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays and Warrington's residence (1328 E. Haskell) at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. Yuchi language classes are given at the office at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

## Holdenville

Holdenville Indian Community is hosting a banquet at 7 p.m. May 24 for 17 Holdenville Indian high school students and their parents. Community members are invited and asked to bring a covered dish. Fred Lowe, community chairperson, is in the process of obtaining speakers for the banquet.

## Eufaula

Eufaula Indian Community's Little Miss Beth Brown and Little Brave Lewis McGirt will be in Muskogee's Azeala Festival Parade. The parade will begin at 10:40 a.m., April 6. Eufaula Ford Motor Co. is providing the car.

-- Eufaula Indian Community's 14 and under boys basketball team placed fourth at the Mekuskey Mission in Seminole.

## Weleetka

Weleetka Indian Community Chairman Bill Burden was appointed to the Creek Nation Housing Authority Board of Commissioners by Muscogee (Creek) National Council Speaker Kenneth Childers.

## Yardeka

Yardeka Indian Community is working on its smokeshop, which is expected to open around the middle of April. The community is awaiting a smokeshop license from the Creek Nation Office of Gaming, said Irene Lewis, community secretary/treasurer.

## Duck Creek

Duck Creek Indian Community is selling caps with the community logo for \$9 each. See community members to purchase the blue and white or solid white caps.

## Dewar

Dewar Indian Community will serve a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., April 16 prior to its regular meeting.

-- The community also holds free bingo games at 11 p.m. on the last Friday of every month. Small prizes are awarded to bingo winners, said Eliza Mae Hicks, community secretary.

-- Several potted plants were given away as door prizes at the community's Easter egg hunt and dinner for elders. Door prize winners were Berdie Owens, Esther Kelly, John Stand, Mollie Hicks and Millie Yardy. Ruby Stanton and Millie both won blankets for finding prize eggs. Eliza Mae Hicks also won a blanket for finding the most eggs.



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Barbara Gillespie, Coweta Indian Community chairperson, explains to community members how Creeks used baskets to sift debris or particles from beans, peas or grains.

-- Hicks was appointed to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners by Muscogee (Creek) National Council Speaker Kenneth Childers.

## Wetumka

S.W. Kincade won a lawn chair for finding the first prize egg at the Wetumka Indian Community's Easter egg hunt and dinner for elders. Beverage glasses were awarded to Maxine Harjo for finding the second prize egg. The third prize egg winner won a barbecue grill.

-- The community's smokeshop is expected to be complete by early April, although an opening date has not been set, said Frances Tiger, community reporter.

## Okfuskee

Mason Public School's Indian Youth Club will have a benefit bingo, cake walk and stomp dance April 18. The bingo and cake walk will begin at 2 p.m. at Mason Public School. Supper will be served at 5 p.m. and the dance will begin at 7 p.m.

## Glenpool

Glenpool Indian Community meets at 6:30 p.m., April 9.

## Kellyville

Kellyville Indian Community meets at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month.

## Okemah

Okemah Indian Community meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of every month.

## Bristow

Bristow Indian Community meets at 7 p.m. April 15.

## Checotah

Checotah Indian Community meets at 6:30 p.m. April 9.

## Tulsa

Tulsa Indian Community meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. Meetings are at Turner Recreation Center, 3503 E. Fifth Place.

## Beggs

Tribal citizen Mary V.J. Barnes is urging all interested Creek citizens living in the Beggs area to attend an April 20 organizational meeting at 11 a.m. at the Beggs Elementary School. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Barnes at 267-4973.

## Birth announcements

### James Robert Smith

James Robert Smith was born to Robert Hill Smith Jr. and Dorothea Cathleen Smith of Tulsa. James was born Feb. 17 in a Tulsa hospital, measured 19 inches and weighed six pounds, four ounces. Maternal grandparents are Paula Kay Kemper and Phillip Nolan Harper. Paternal grandparents are Chiquita Smith and Robert Hill Smith.



### Ashley Renae Hoard

Ashley Renae Hoard was born to Mark and Stacie Hoard of Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 10. Ashley weighed 7.5 pounds. Maternal grandparents are Phyllis Weber and Larry Porterfield. Maternal great-grandparents are Grace Escoc and Chester Fields.



## Birthdays



Sarah Coker Hicks



Toney Hill

### Sarah Coker Hicks

OKFUSKEE -- More than 100 people attended the 90th birthday celebration of Sarah Coker Hicks Feb. 17 at Buckeye Baptist Church. Mrs. Hicks was born Feb. 19, 1901 and resides in the greater Mason area.

### Toney Hill

OKEMAH -- Greenleaf Ceremonial Ground Mek'ko Toney Hill was honored by tribal town members for his 77th birthday on Feb 16 at the Tribal Town Center in Okemah. Hill was born Feb. 14, 1914. Hill was married to the late Irene Simmons Hill for 49 years.

He has 11 children and several grandchildren.



## Sports In Brief



Jeffrey Wilson of Midwest City shows off a plaque and patch he won after winning the State YMCA Wrestling Tournament. Wilson wrestled in the 73-pound division.

## Midwest City Creek turns in successful wrestling campaign

MIDWEST CITY -- Jeffrey Wilson, 11, Creek-Cherokee from Midwest City has completed a successful wrestling season for Tinker YMCA and Sooner-Rose Elementary.

Wilson, whose record is 45-2, recently won the 73-pound division in the State YMCA Wrestling Tournament.

He placed first in 11 out of 13 tournaments. Among his tournament victories: the U.S. Junior Open, Y-State (three consecutive years), Oklahoma Kids State, the Cotton Bowl Classic and all-city for the Mid-Del School District.

Wilson said he is eager to start the baseball season. He plays second base as well as pitches for his team.

He is a current member of the principal's honor roll and was on the teacher's honor roll the first semester of the school year. Wilson attributes his classroom success to his attendance record.

His parents are Paul and Evelyn Wilson and he has two older brothers, Mark and Kenny, of Midwest City. Maternal and paternal grandparents are Jess Davis of Porum and Ben and Mollie Wilson of Holdenville.

## Employees group sponsoring run/walk in Shawnee April 26

SHAWNEE -- The third annual fun run/walk sponsored by the Shawnee Indian Health Center Employees Association will be April 26. Starting time will be at 9 a.m. at the Shawnee Health Center, 2001 S. Gordon Cooper Drive. Special guest will be Billy Mills, a Lakota Sioux from Pine Ridge, S.D., and the only American to win the 10,000-meter run in the Olympics.

## Creek eighth grader second in basketball-shooting contest

EL RENO -- Creek eighth grader Misty Chancey placed second in the state in the Hoop Shoot, a national contest sponsored by the Elks Lodge.

Chancey missed first place by two shots. She made 20 of 25, while her opponent made 22 of 25.

If the first place winner cannot fill her obligations, Chancey will take her place at the semi-regionals in Midwest City.

She is the daughter of Devin and Beverly Chancey. Her maternal and paternal grandparents are Bill and Marian Haynes and D.D. Chancey and Nita Rusher.

## Religion

## Baptists form search committee to select new missions director

SASAKWA -- A search committee for a new director of missions for the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Baptist Association has been chosen.

The committee was selected during the M-S-W's quarterly meeting Feb. 16 at Spring Baptist Sasakwa.

Spring Baptist pastor George Jesse, John Kelley of Butler Creek Baptist and Helen Coon of Little Cussetah Baptist will serve on the committee. The committee is looking for a director to fill the position vacated by Leon Postoak last fall. Postoak is now the pastor at Central Baptist, Oklahoma City.

In other business,

-- recommendations were made to purchase a computer for publishing *The Awakener* and other associational information;

-- recommendations were to elect 1991-92 M-S-W associational officers. Nominees will be considered at the annual meeting, and;

-- the board heard from all standing committees.

The next quarterly meeting will be May 18 at Tuskegee Indian Baptist Church.

## Clear your throats for Mekusukey Memorial Gospel Singing May 26

SEMINOLE -- The Mekusukey Memorial Gospel Singing will be May 26, 7:30 p.m., at the Seminole Nation Complex.

Devotional will begin at 6 p.m. Concessions available and visitors should bring a lawn chair. Singers will be from the Cherokee and Choctaw nations. Emcee will be Eastman Factor.

The Seminole Nation Complex is two miles south of Seminole on Oklahoma 99 and two miles west on Oklahoma 59 from the Maud exit.

## M-S-W ladies sew to help need, cook to help grounds laborers

YARDEKA -- A sewing circle has begun meeting the first Monday of the month at the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Assembly Ground.

The circle sews quilts and repairs clothes to give to the needy. They also cook for the laborers who work on the grounds. Committee chair is Geneva Fish, Sand Creek Baptist.

Other committee members: Ida Wallace, Butler

Creek; Mamie Bear, Tookparfka; Mildred Waters, Middle Creek No. 1; Martha McCombs, Tuskegee; Sarah McCombs, Weogufkee and Leah Asbury, Silver Spring.

## Church near Maud to present

### 'A Night of Roses' gospel singing

MAUD -- Faith Chapel will sponsor its sixth annual "A Night of Roses" Gospel Singing on April 20.

Singing begins at 7:30 p.m. Faith Chapel is two miles south of Maud on Oklahoma 9A then 1.5 miles east.

## Jay pastor to lead Oklahoma City church's annual revival April 21-26

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Glorieta Baptist Church will host its revival April 21-26 with the Rev. Richard Pickup of Jay leading the service. Tyrone Smith of Rancho Village Baptist Church will provide music for the revival, which begins 7 nightly. Sunday services begin at 6 p.m. A nursery will be provided. For more information call (405) 632-3365. The church is located at Southeast 70th Street and Shield Boulevard. The Rev. Ledtkey McIntosh is pastor.

## Tuskegee pastor leading Weogufkee

WEOGUFKEE -- The Rev. James Rudolph Colbert has begun serving as interim pastor for Weogufkee Baptist Church. Colbert is a member of Tuskegee Baptist.

## Tennessean to pastor Little Coweta

STIDHAM -- Phil Lawrence is new pastor at Little Coweta Baptist Church. The church is located west of Stidham. Lawrence is originally from Tennessee and came to Oklahoma from Alabama.

## Eufaula church ordains deacon

EUFAULA -- Tom McCombs has been ordained as a deacon at Tuskegee Baptist Church. Those serving on the ordaining council were interrogator Allison Phillips, Cedar Springs Baptist; charge giver Amos Deer, Artussee Baptist; and exhorting commentators James McCombs and James Colbert, both of Tuskegee.

## We need church news

If you have news of revivals, gospel singings, Bible schools or any other church-related activity, let us know for publication here or for use on The Muscogee Nation News radio program.

## Creek Headliners

## Justina Givens

EUFAULA -- Justina Givens, Eufaula Junior High School seventh-grader, was named to the Principal's Honor Roll. Justina was congratulated in a letter from Eufaula Mayor Joe Johnson, who also serves as Muscogee (Creek) Chief Justice.

## Ronald B. Shaw

MOORE -- Dr. Ronald B. Shaw, Creek/Osage, is featured in the South Community Hospital newspaper. Shaw has spent the past nine years as an active physician on staff at Moore Community Hospital and seven years at South Community Hospital. He has served as the Moore hospital's chief-of-staff twice. He is currently medical director of MCH's Cardiopulmonary department. He works as a physician in the Emergency department once a week, serves on the board of directors of the Central Oklahoma American Indian



Health Council and serves on two medical committees at MCH.

## Laurie Hicks

JENKS -- Graham sophomore Laurie Hicks placed second at the Jenks Riding Club Winter Series of Barrel Racing at Citation Farms in Bixby.

The 15-year-old took second in two days of finals with a score of 29.392. She won a silver trophy plate and belt buckle.

Her twin sister, Ella, recently competed in English at a scholastic meet hosted by Southeastern State University in Wilburton.

The twins are the daughters of Louis and Gloria Hicks. Maternal grandparents are Ruby and the late Wesley Parkhurst. Paternal grandparents are Eliza Mae and Houston Hicks.

## Reunion

DUSTIN -- The Smith family of Dustin will hold a reunion on May 25 at Middlecreek No. 1 Church, two miles west and six miles south of Dustin. The reunion will begin at 9:30 a.m. Those attending should bring a covered dish. Games and activities will be held for all ages. For more information write Diana Grayson at P.O. Box 4, Stilwell, 74960.



## Legislative Overview

How They Voted	NCA 90-126 Reconsider a bill to reimburse ag- business with Nat. Resources funds. Override failed: 17 yes, 4 no; 2 ab- stain	NCA 91-12 Establishing Indian youth councils. Passed: 20 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain	NCA 91-16 Renaming Hughes- Seminole Dist. to Tuckabatchee Passed: 13 yes, 4 no, 4 abstain.	NCA 91-03 Authorizing grant applications for the Executive Branch. Passed: 18 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain.	NCA 91-01 Amending the general ship Pas... no.
George Almerigi, Okmulgee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Richard Berryhill, Wagoner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Larry Bible, Tulsa	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Eugene Birdcreek, Okfuskee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
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Mose Cahwee, Creek	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	
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Helen Chupco, Muskogee	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Clarence Cloud, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Helen Duncan, Wagoner	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Bill Fife, Okfuskee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ed Frye, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee	Abstain	Yes	Abstain	Yes	
Tony Hale, Okmulgee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Mae Jackson, Okfuskee	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Yes	
Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Frank Kamp, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Charlie Litsey, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	
Harley Little, Muskogee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Tommy Newton, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Tom Pickering, McIntosh	Yes	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Donna Rhodes, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	
Earl Wheeler, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Jerry Wilson, Tulsa	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Thomas Yahola, Hughes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	



<b>A 91-30</b> Adding the emer- gency medical hard- grant act. Passed: 21 yes, 0 no.	<b>NCA 91-31</b> Appropriating \$2,000 to the Eu- chee Mission Reun- ion. Passed: 16 yes, 3 no.	<b>NCA 91-14</b> Creating a graduate student book sti- pend. Passed: 20 yes, 0 no.	<b>NCA 91-13</b> Appropriating \$1,000 to the Has- kell Athletic Indian Hall of Fame. Passed: 20 yes, 1 no.	<b>NCA 91-15</b> Approving the law enforcement im- plementation act. Passed: 10 yes, 4 no.	Approving Barton Williams as Light- horse Chief. Passed: 16 yes, 11 no,
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# Textbook illustrator seeks visual images of Mvskoke history

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

Portland, Ore., artist Katherine Ace is drawing a series of illustrations for a textbook about Mvskoke people and she needs assistance from Creeks.

Ace is seeking any type of visual material or reference portraying ancient Mvskoke lifestyle, customs, clothing, art, religion and transportation.

Ace is particularly interested in Creek art dating back to 100 or years or more, artifacts and how art intermingled with religion.

She will illustrate 15 to 20 scenes in oil medium. The illustrations will appear in full color, she said. Ace also will depict individual Creek leaders and illustrate a painting in regard to ancient Mvskoke family structure.

The book is one in a series of six textbooks over Native American tribes. Ace also will be painting illustrations for books over the Blackfoot, Comanche, Ottawa, Pawnee and Shawnee. The textbooks, geared toward sixth, seventh and eighth graders, will be published by Rourke Publishing Co., Vero Beach, Fla.

Ace, who resides in Portland, has been a professional artist for about 20 years and has landscape paintings in many galleries. She also sculpts modern figures. In addition to her artwork she has done illustrations for the past eight years as a means of support.

Her first illustrations were of European composers published in a book by Simon and Schuster. Ace said the job was quite challenging because the composers died before the invention of the camera therefore she had to do a lot of research. She has also illustrated for a book called "Women of the West" and most recently books over the Pueblos and the Algonquian language group. Ace said she really enjoys painting the illustrations as well as the research she must conduct to accurately depict different tribes.

The book should be published around April 1992, she said.

Send research material to Katherine Ace, 4017 S.W. 41st Place, Portland, Ore. 97221.

## Lawrence Indian Arts Show plans month-long exhibition

LAWRENCE, Kan. -- The third annual Lawrence Indian Arts Show will be Sept. 14 to Oct. 27. The show is sponsored by the Museum of Anthropology at the University of Kansas, Haskell Indian Junior College and the Lawrence Arts Center.

The show will feature:

- a juried competition show and sale at the museum (Sept. 14-Oct. 27);
- two-day outdoor Indian Market at Haskell Indian Junior College (Sept. 14-15);
- an exhibition of works by a well-known Indian artist at Haskell (Sept. 14-Oct. 27);
- a series of three weekend artists workshops (Sept. 14-Oct. 27) featuring Acoma pottery making with Dolores Lewis Garcia and Emma Lewis Mitchell; Plains Indian bead and quill work with Alice Blue Legs, Emil Her Many Horses and Benson Lanford; and print making with Ben Harjo.

-- an exhibition of selected recent productions by each of the Indian artists participating in the weekend workshops at the Lawrence Arts Center Sept. 14-Oct. 20.



George Lewis, with this painting of "American Indian" was awarded the "Tooter Arrington Memorial Award for best of show. Lewis is a Eufaula High School junior.



"Spirit Dancer," by Sutagee Anglin of Eufaula was first among his grade entries.



"Woman Dancer," by Leah McIntosh of Eufaula placed first among eighth graders.

## Creek paints top entry at Muskogee museum

MUSKOGEE -- A young Mvskoke artist won the top award at the Five Civilized Tribes Museum's 20th Annual Student Art Show.

George Lewis, a Eufaula High School 11th grader, won the "Tooter Arrington Memorial Award" for best artwork in the show. The honor awards Lewis \$50 and a Bacone College full tuition art scholarship worth \$2,500.

He won the award with "American Indian" done in tempera medium.

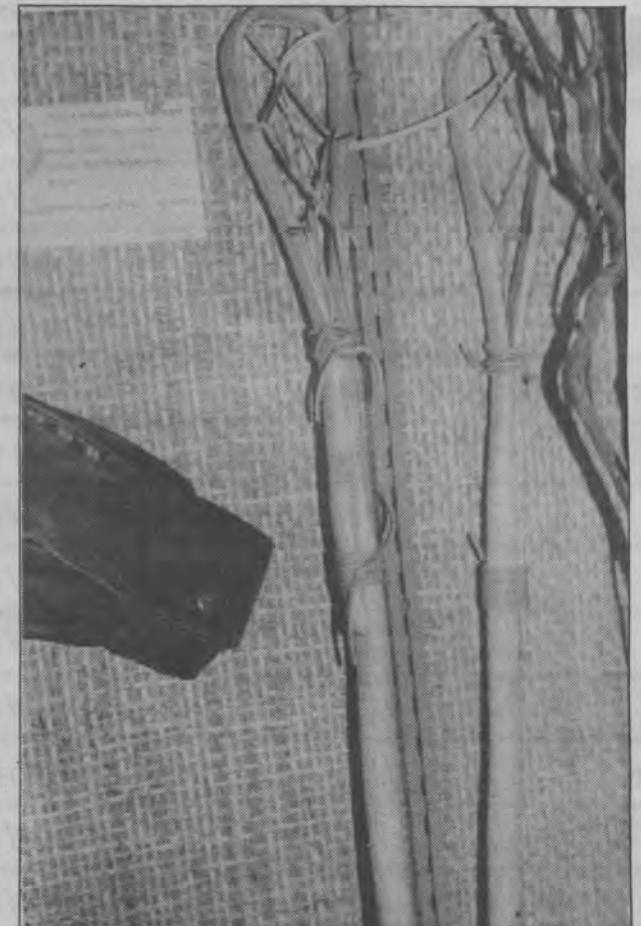
Other Creek students winning first place in the painting/drawing category were Sutagee Anglin, in the 12th grade division, with "Spirit Dancer" and Leah McIntosh, in the eighth grade division, with "Woman Dancer."

Winning first place in the ninth grade division, sculpture/woodcarving category was Travis Screechowl with "Creek Ballsticks." Winning third place in the painting/drawing category was Nakia Dionn Brownfield with "Here I Will Rest."

The following Creeks won honorable mention in the painting/drawing category: Screechowl, "My Sister;" Dewayne Carshall, "Memories" and Spencer McIntosh, "Warrior."

Other Mvskoke students participating were Jeremy Avance, Jamie Lynn Russell, and Laura Nichols.

Some student artwork is selling for prices ranging from \$3 to \$500. The exhibit will be on display until April 8.



Travis Schreechowl, Sapulpa, placed first among ninth graders with his sculpture category, "Creek Ballsticks."



## Business In Brief



Photo by Janice Evans

**Darla Copeland shows off her new luggage line.** Copeland has constructed and repaired luggage for 12 years.

## Sapulpa Yuchi markets luggage design with heritage in mind

By JANICE EVANS  
MNN Correspondent

**SAPULPA** -- Darla Copeland, a Yuchi from Sapulpa, is marketing an original luggage design that depicts yesterday, as well as her heritage.

"My luggage is designed around the early western luggage and the Native American medicine pouch," said Copeland, a designer.

Copeland, owner of Stage Coach Luggage repair, has created a line of luggage called sukcv, or Mvskoke for bag. Copeland has been constructing and repairing luggage for 12 years.

There are five different sizes of the carry-on luggage including a purse. The luggage is made of canvas with silk screen designs.

Copeland said the sukcv luggage line will be marketed soon.

## Creek opens mower supply shop

**BIXBY** -- Muscogee Creek citizen A.D. Ellis has announced the opening of his business, Southwest Mower Supply, on Oklahoma 16 and Bixby Road near Concharty Indian Methodist Church. Southwest sells most lawn and garden equipment and is a service and warranty center for Murray and Poulan brands.

Business hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Phone: 733-4681.

## Powwows

### Sapulpa, April 6

**SAPULPA** -- The 17th annual Sapulpa Indian Heritage Day Powwow will be April 6 at Collins Stadium.

The powwow is sponsored by the parent committee, staff and students of Sapulpa Public Schools' Indian Education Program.

Campus activities begin at 1 p.m. with Native American painted jewelry exhibits, T-shirt design exhibits and games.

Linda Harjo, Yuchi, and Vicki Pickering, Creek, will present the painted jewelry exhibition for kindergarten through 12th grade.

Wanda Weaver, Creek; Rosa Thomas Harjo, Chickasaw; and Naomi Pickering, Creek, will give the T-shirt design exhibit.

Games and activities will feature bow shoot, horseshoe pitching contest and Indian football.

At 2 p.m., Leon Hawzipta, Comanche/Kiowa, of Pawhuska Public Schools, will present Native American story telling. Gourd dancing begins at 3 p.m. A traditional Indian meal starts at 5:30 p.m.

The powwow parade begins at 7 o'clock.

Indian arts and crafts exhibitors are welcome. Bring your own tables and chairs. Security will be provided.

In case of rain, the powwow will be in the Sapulpa High School Cafeteria.

For information, contact the Sapulpa Indian Education Program at (918) 224-9322.

## Genealogy Search

If you need help in genealogy research and tracing your ancestry, address your inquiry to the Communications Department, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Your inquiry will be printed in this space provided by The Muscogee Nation News for others to help in your search. The Communication Department will print inquiries only and cannot aid in research efforts. Remember to include your return address.

We are seeking present relatives and past information on our family. My great grandfather, James M. Spearman was born February 1852 in Tennessee. He had the following siblings: Paul Allen born 1850; Hannah, Mary F., Rebecca, Sarah J. and John C. born in 1862 and all born in Tennessee. Most, if not all, went to live in Perryville, Perry County, Arkansas by 1900. We would like to hear from the descendants of our great grandfather's siblings families.

John Spearman, 2018 No. A St., McAlester, OK 74501

grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren. Pallbearers: Gary Pickett, William Shade, Wesley Whade, Roger Waterdown, Ronnie Proctor and Sean Deere. Honorary pallbearers: Lynn Hogan, Jimmy Deere and Dean Deere.

### Harold Long

**OKMULGEE** -- Harold Long, 59, a lifetime resident of the Okmulgee County area, died Feb. 26. Graveside services were March 1 at the Salt Creek Cemetery in the Wilson Community with the Rev. Bill Evans officiating. Long was born Nov. 11, 1931 in Okemah to John and Jettie Long. He worked in the ranching and oil field business. Survivors: his wife, Juanita Long of the home; three sons, Bobby Long of Morris, Ricky Long of Okmulgee; Harold Long Jr. of Wilson; five daughters, Joyce Bunyard of Okmulgee, Kathy Krasch of Muskogee, Darlene Creason of Haydenville, Renee Mahan of the Wilson community; and Kristy of the home; three sisters, Clois Cole of Beggs, Lizzie Mae Starkley of Okmulgee and

## Sand Springs, April 27

**SAND SPRINGS** -- The second annual Sand Springs Indian Education Contest Powwow will be April 27 at Charles Page High School Memorial Stadium.

Gourd dancing will be from 2 to 5 p.m. with supper following. Gourd dancing resumes at 6 and continues until 7:30 p.m. The procession will be at 8 p.m. Contest registration will be 6 to 8 p.m.

Jon Sellars will be head man singer. Other staff members: Rick Anquoe, head man dancer; Danene Lane, head lady dancer; Osage Gourd Clan, host gourd clan; JoJo Rice, master of ceremonies; Thomas Muskrat, arena director; and Ginger Ott, princess.

In the event of inclement weather, the powwow will be at the Central Junior High gymnasium, Main and Broadway in Sand Springs.

Arts and crafts booths will be available. To reserve a booth, call Alice Kemp at (918) 245-1088.

## Lawrence, Kan., May 3-5

**LAWRENCE, Kan.** -- Haskell Indian Junior College's annual powwow, featuring dance competition in seven categories, will be May 3-5.

Categories: golden age men (55 minimum), senior division men, heavyweight division men (230 pounds), golden age women (55 minimum), senior division women, junior division boys and junior division girls.

For information, contact Wylma Dawes at (913) 749-8448.

I would like some help in genealogy research. My mother was Bessie Broadnax, the daughter of Nannie Porter and Jim Broadnax. My maternal grandparents are Miley Haynes and John Porter. Ina Bittle, P.O. Box 373, Checotah, OK, 74426.

I am trying to prove that my great grandmother was Indian. My father always told me that she was full-blooded Choctaw. My great grandmother was Amanda Harriett McGhee. She came to Oklahoma from Arkansas. Her father's name was John McGhee. He died before she was born. Her mother's name was Sarah (Sessions) McGhee. After the death of her husband, she married a man named Compton Hollis.

Linda L. Till, P.O. Box 346, Smithville, MO, 64089

I am registered on the Creek roll. My mother, Lona Viola Evans Rush, is registered as Roll No. 5885. She was the daughter of Vina Phillips Evans who was registered under Roll No. 5881. If you can be of assistance to me in extending my research, I would be most appreciative.

Bobby W. Rush, 25 Lakeside Drive, Augusta, KS 67010

## Obituaries

### Issac Deere

**OKMULGEE** -- Issac Deere, 90, of Okmulgee died March 27 in St. John's Hospital in Tulsa. Services were March 20 at Montezuma Baptist Church in Okemah with the Rev. Kyle Taylor and the Rev. Willis Knight officiating. Burial was in the Montezuma Cemetery. Deere was born May 15, 1900 in Okmulgee County. He married Selee Roberts on May 1, 1931 in Okemah. He retired from Okmulgee Glass Co. He was preceded in death by one son, Eunice Deere. Survivors: his wife, one daughter, Lula Mae Messer of Okmulgee; three sons, Tom and Sammy Deere of Barland, Texas, and Wilson Deere of Liberty Mounds; nieces Rhoda Burgess, Ruth Gamble, Josephine Morgan, Lorine Chick and Marion Davis; nephews, Little Joe Smith, Big Joe Smith, Eddie Smith and Sam Smith; 18 grandchildren, 29 great-

Arlene Starkey of Okemah; eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

### Edward Lee Davis

**OKEMAH** -- Edward Lee Davis, 46, of Okemah died March 15 in Oklahoma City. Services were March 20 at Little Quarsarty Baptist Church near Okemah with the Rev. Jake Marshall, the Rev. Ray Tainpeah and the Rev. Anderson officiating. Davis was born Sept. 14, 1944 at Claremore. He was the son of Wilson Davis and Rosa Mae Berryhill Davis. He was a Vietnam War veteran, having served two tours of duty in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a member of Little Quarsarty Baptist Church and Thlophlocco Tribal Town. Survivors: his father, Wilson Davis of Shawnee; five sisters, Dorothy Davis of Shawnee, Virginia Tiger of Holdenville, Vera Whitlock of Oklahoma City, Linda West of Locust Grove and Gloria Joshua of Oklahoma City; three brothers, Jeff Davis of Ada, Charley Davis of Sapulpa and David Johnson of Oklahoma City; and a host of nieces, nephews.





Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

The Mvskoke Nation Vietnam Era Veterans color guard stands at attention at a recent function.

## Color guard 'represents our past'

By MELINDA MORRIS  
The Tulsa Tribune

TULSA -- Soldiers in olive-drab fatigues and black boots marched slowly, their faces straight ahead, eyes hidden behind aviator sunglasses and flags held high, as drums were beaten at a steady rhythm.

But there was a tiny hop to their march. And behind them swirled colors -- purple, pink, green, red, yellow and orange -- powwow dancers from knee-high performers to old men in beads, feathers and fringe performing during the grand entry of a recent powwow here.

The soldiers who led the march are members of the Mvskoke Nation Vietnam Era Veterans color guard, a group formed to honor American Indian veterans.

They serve as an honor guard at funerals of veterans and perform frequently at powwows.

The group also operates a giftshop and smokeshop at its Okmulgee headquarters when it gives veterans jobs and generates funds to cover travel expenses for the group.

The non-profit group never charges for its appearances, but members said they believe they get a lot in return -- such as respect.

"None of us got respect" after returning from Vietnam, said member Richard Morgan.

But performing at powwows makes the veterans feel honored.

"We're standing around getting ready to come in and you hear that drum. That's when the feeling comes," said member Bill Jones.

"The women give a special cry and raise their fist in the air," he said, raising his own fist.

Member Mike Berryhill said, "Powwow people worship the ground warriors walk on."

Archie Mason, director of Indian education for Tulsa Public Schools, said the men "represent our past, a warrior society that no longer exists. We as Indian people respect our warriors, and I think we do it differently than mainstream society."

**'We as Indian people respect our warriors, and I think we do it differently than mainstream society.'**

--Archie Mason

Berryhill said the opening parade in which the color guard carries the Oklahoma, United States, Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Prisoner of War-Missing In Action flags is called the grand entry, "and it is grand."

Members of the color guard, in addition to their fatigues, wear eagle feathers -- once reserved exclusively for warriors -- in their maroon berets.

"It's a compliment to the Vietnam era," Berryhill said. "It makes you feel special when they say you look really good."

Jones said, "It makes you feel like you're not an outsider, like you belong."

Berryhill said his wife, a non-Indian, cried the first time she attended a powwow.

Members said they, like other Vietnam veterans, have not always felt so well received.

Member Don Minter said the hearty welcome-home parades and yellow ribbons honoring troops returning from the Persian Gulf War made the Vietnam veterans wonder "Where were they (supporters) when we got out?"

Morgan, who works at the smokeshop, said, "We feel like we left something there (in Vietnam). We don't know what it was. But at least we can respect him (a veteran) while we're putting him in the ground."

Otis Dunn, commander of the organization, said he lost nephews in Vietnam and watched friends there die, too.

"We wanted to get out and do something to honor them. Our main objective is to honor native American veterans of all wars."

## Veterans

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children's lives --such as school activities, sporting events, prom or graduation -- often are painful to deal with.

The male veteran may also return home to find that his wife has adequately managed the household without him. She may be changing the tires or assuming duties he normally handled, Howard said.

The female veteran may also find her husband has successfully parented the children without her.

"There is a lot of role reversal that will make for interesting times," he said.

Howard said the American support of the soldiers on the battlefield has been a big plus.

"It can have a negative effect on one's morale when they feel the country is not behind them," he said.

Vietnam era veterans often questioned their involvement in the war because of a lack of public support. The great amount of support (received by Persian Gulf soldiers) is well deserved, he said.

"The country, from the Vietnam experience, has learned that you don't send warriors to war and meet their return with rejection, you bring the guys home with respect and honor."

Although the American public's attitude toward the war and reception of soldiers has been positive, Howard said soldiers probably want space to adjust as well as get reacquainted with their immediate families.

Veterans may want to have "slow down time" first and then attend church, community, and family homecomings.

The Veteran Center Program was established by the Veterans Administration, now the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, in 1979.

There are 196 Veteran Centers and satellites in all 50 states, Howard said. The Tulsa center opened in August of 1981. A 1988 National Vietnam Veterans Readjustment Study disclosed that 15.2 percent of Vietnam theater veterans suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Another 8.5 percent of Vietnam theater females are afflicted with the disorder also.

This study does not account for veterans who have sought private counseling outside of the Veteran Center Program, Howard said.

He said the more severe the combat the more severe a veteran's problems will be. Because the Persian Gulf war was brief, soldiers' problems aren't anticipated to be as severe or long lasting as that of Vietnam veterans.

"The hope is stress, problems coming out of this war will not be major or long term."

Signs of PTSD or stress include sleepless nights, nightmares, irritability, veterans that become easily frustrated, lose their temper quickly and are easily startled.

He said PTSD sufferers also may avoid anything that reminds them of the war or be so totally consumed with the war that they cannot proceed with their lives.

Otis Dunn, Mvskoke Nation Vietnam Era Veteran Post Commander, served two tours of duty in Vietnam, has suffered at both ends of the PTSD spectrum.

He said he cannot go to the Vietnam Memorial.

"I'd break down before I got there. I won't go to the wall. I think before I go to rest I'd go to the wall," he said explaining that it will be one of the very last things he will do before dying.

Dunn was so consumed with the war he almost went absent without leave (AWOL), while still in Vietnam, so he would not be sent home.

"They wanted to send me home; they asked me to see a psychiatrist. I didn't want to go home

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and almost went AWOL," he said, explaining he no longer coped with Vietnam because it had become a lifestyle.

Dunn's attorney is in the process of filing suit against the U.S. Government to receive disability for his contamination of Agent Orange while in Vietnam.

"The government doesn't mind you fighting and dying for them, but they don't want to give you anything," Dunn said.

Howard said friends and family should not question veterans, especially prisoners of war or those that have been in combat, about their experiences. Wait and let them volunteer information they feel comfortable sharing.

"Let them bring it up at their own pace; let them express it on their own and at their own time."

Don't ignore the fact that they have been in the war, he said.

"Start out talking about the country, sites and scenery. The sooner someone can talk about stress related problems the sooner they will get better."

Dunn said Vietnam has left him with bad emotional problems. Although two of his brothers served in Vietnam his family was scared of him because his personality had changed drastically.

"You can't treat them like they were before they left because they're not the same people," Dunn said.

Howard said expect and know the veteran has gone through minor and major changes.

"They may look like and sound like the same person, but their soul and spirit has changed to some degree, especially those that saw a lot of death and dying," Howard said.

War has many negative affects on soldiers, although some veterans may return feeling more complete or whole, Howard said. They may come home with a deep appreciation for life.

Howard added that veterans may do some humorous things such as stand in the shower until the hot water runs out, eat a lot of certain foods, such as pizza or fruit, or drink a lot of cold water.

Howard said U.S. servicemen are supposedly receiving debriefing periods where they can talk about their problems.

Support groups should not end once the soldier has returned home, he said.

"It's important for families to continue support groups after veterans return home because they will be going through a lot of adjustments, too."

Howard encouraged any Vietnam Era or Persian Gulf veteran in need of support to call (918) 581-7105.

## Classified/Help wanted

### Secretarial/ File clerk

**JOB TITLE:** Secretary/File Clerk.

**SALARY RANGE:** Negotiable.

**GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION:** National Council Office, Muscogee Tribal Capitol Complex, Hiway 75 at Loop 56, Okmulgee.

**JOB DUTIES:** Perform all secretarial activities as necessary and as assigned. Attend requested committee meetings of the National Council. Responsible for maintaining and reorganizing an accurate filing system. Experience in word process, preferably Wordstar, a plus. Skilled in typing accurately

long formal reports and business letters. Some experience in bookkeeping helpful. Able to communicate well with citizens and work under strenuous working conditions.

**JOB QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma or GED with at least 60 hours of college credit in secretarial science or a minimum of two years work experience in business office. Meet and interact with the public with a high degree of professionalism. Capable of working irregular hours. Type 60 wpm, shorthand 70 wpm.

**INDIAN PREFERENCE.**  
**CLOSING DATE:** April 22 or until filled

## Creeks In Service



Terry W. Jones graduated from Shawnee High School in 1990 and joined the U.S. Marine Corp shortly after graduation. After 13 weeks of training he graduated from the corps March 1. He is now at Camp Pendleton, Calif., receiving advanced infantry training as well as additional training in communications. Jones is single and his permanent residence is Shawnee. His parents are John and Wanda

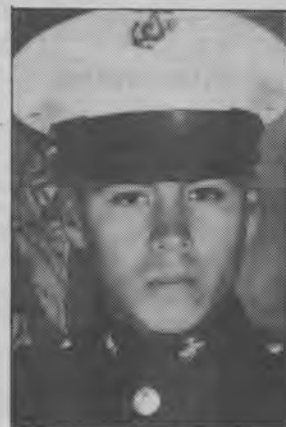
Jones. Maternal grandparents are Cora and the late Elliott Leitka. His paternal grandmother is Lillian Jones.

Kenneth Turner graduated from Muskogee High School in 1986 and has been in the U.S. Navy for three years as an aviation medical technician. He has been on the aircraft carriers USS Coral Sea, Abraham Lincoln and Forrestal. He is stationed at Naval Air Station Cecil Field, Fla. Kenneth is single and his permanent residence is Muskogee. His parents are Jim and Elaine Turner. His maternal grandparents are Nancy and the late Henry Downum. His paternal grandmother is Dortha Turner.

Michael R. Miller is a 1988 graduate of Okmulgee High School. He joined the U.S. Marine Corp August 1988. Miller had been in the Persian Gulf since Aug. 15, 1990 until returning Feb. 28 on emergency leave. Miller is resuming his position on the reverse osmosis water purification unit at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Miller is single and his permanent residence is Okmulgee. His parents are Sarah Ward and James Miller. His maternal grandparents are Cora and the late Elliott Leitka. Paternal grandparents are Susie and the late Homer Miller.

Billy Gene McKane has served in the U.S. Army, active and reserve for 23 years. He attended Butner School in Cromwell. McKane has received both law enforcement and nursing degrees at the University of Oklahoma. He served as a nurse with the 44th Medical Evacuation Hospital during the Persian Gulf War. McKane has four daughters, Andrea, a U.S. Marine, Billie Jean and twins Sasha and Sydna. He is a member of Arbeka United Methodist Church. His mother is Lucy McKane of Oklahoma City.

David Laney of Broken Arrow has been the U.S. Navy since May 1990. He served as engine man



Michael R. Miller



Kenneth Turner



Billy Gene McKane



David Laney

aboard the USS Frederick stationed in the Persian Gulf. Laney, Creek-Shawnee-Cherokee, attended school at Broken Arrow and Oklahoma Junior College in Tulsa. He played on the Broken Arrow Premier soccer team. He is the son of Earl C. and Jan (Fagen) Laney of Broken Arrow. His grandparents are Pauline Fagen of Mounds and the late Dick Fagen, Earl and Oleta Laney of Broken Arrow and Lillian (Davidson) Moist of Joplin, Mo. He is the descendant of Chief Bluejacket and Pocahontas.

Patrick Allen Berryhill, graduate of Davenport High School, is stationed with his U.S. Army field artillery battery as a part of Operation Desert Storm. Berryhill attended Seminole Junior College before enlisting in January of 1988. He is the son of Edna Sanders Weleetka and Al Berryhill of Okemah. He is the grandson of the late Polly and Charley Fixico of Weleetka and Martha Nazworthy of Sapulpa and the late John Berryhill of Okemah.

## March tribal court cases

**CV 91-01: OIC et al, plaintiffs vs. Margaret Mauldin, defendant.**

Plaintiffs seek judgement against defendant for insubordination. Subpoena issued for all smoke-shop records and receipts from defendant's tenure as smoke-shop manager.

A March 4 preliminary hearing continued to March 20, later rescheduled to April 4.

**CV 91-02 and CV 90-09 joinder (cases combined) Frank Kamp, plaintiff vs. Principal Chief Claude Cox, defendant; Principal Chief Claude Cox applicant v Kenneth Childers to determine constitutionality of NCA 88-15.**

Kamp sought a court order for Cox to comply with NCA 88-15. The ordinance re-defines the offices within the executive branch and requires directors to have Council approval.

Heard by Jon Thom Staton, member Muscogee (Creek) Nation Bar Association March 15.

Staton rules NCA 88-15 is a lawful ordinance and within the Creek Nation Constitution.

30-day continuance granted in related con-

tempt citation for all parties to settle and comply.

**CV 91-04: Eufaula Indian Community officials, plaintiffs vs. Principal Chief Claude Cox, defendant.**

Plaintiffs seek a contempt citation and nonfeasance against defendant for failure to comply with a previous court order (CV 90-05) and compliance with ordinance NCA 89-116, which appropriated \$71,464 to construct a building.

Motion filed by attorney for defendant, Stepher Smith, to dismiss suit April 4, claiming individuals cannot bring suit against a tribal official acting in his capacity.

No date set for hearing.

**CV 90-10: Ed Frye, plaintiff vs. Claude Cox defendant.**

Motion to settle court's order and objection to sufficiency of information furnished by the defendant. Defendant was to provide employee names position and paid compensation for all tribal employees. Plaintiff contends information provided is insufficient. Plaintiff objects to any vacation or contempt citation. Motion and objections filed in tribal district court March 6.

No date set for hearing.



## In Brief

**Task force appeals for information to aid Creek-chartered communities**

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation is developing an application for financial assistance from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) to provide training and technical assistance to Creek Indian communities.

The proposal is calling for personnel who can provide technical training and assistance to communities that desire to develop their own programs.

Letters of support for the proposal are needed from each community. All letters will be included in the application. Communities should submit letters to the Creek Nation Community Task Force, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK, 74447.

The ANA is a sub-agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Funds are designed to support projects that strengthen tribes and Indian organizations through social, economic and governance capabilities.

**Housing Authority giving program overview to interested communities**

OKMULGEE -- Chartered Indian communities wanting a presentation of the Creek Nation Housing Authority's program overview should call for scheduling.

Topics covered include the initial creation of the Housing Authority under state law, homebuyers obligations and outlook for further funding, according to the authority.

The authority gave presentations to the Okmulgee and Weleetka Indian communities. If a program is needed, call Ron Scott, deputy director for the authority, at (918) 756-8504.

**Natural Resources Department seeking qualified, needy applicants**

OKMULGEE -- The Creek Nation Office of Natural Resources will be accepting applications for individual Indian landowners who qualify for the program's assistance.

Assistance involves mostly the repair or replacement of fences, reconstructing adequate driveways or roadways to individual homes, limited drainage work, clearing dump sites in case of health hazards and weed control.

Services can be provided on land owned by individual Indians if, and only if, the land is 100 percent restricted or in trust.

Original allottees will have first consideration for selection of projects. Other factors: aged 60 and older, emergency situations and health needs.

All completed applications must be accompanied by a copy of the landowner's Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card, legal description of the property (or copy of deed) and income statement. Applicants also must submit a brief statement of work needed to be done on their property.

For information about the program, write Creek Nation Natural Resources, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK or call (918) 756-8700, Ext. 397.

**Tribal radio program expands to stations in Tahlequah, Tulsa**

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee Nation News, a weekly 15-minute public service program produced by the Creek Nation Communications Department, has expanded.

The show is broadcast on KTLQ-AM1350 in Tahlequah at 9:30 a.m. Sundays and on KTRT-AM1270 in Tulsa at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

The program will be heard at 9 a.m. Sundays on KMMY-FM97.1 in Muskogee beginning April 15.

The Muscogee Nation News is heard on 10 radio stations 12 times a week in Oklahoma.

# Rodeo queen contestants sought

OKMULGEE -- Applications to compete in the 1991-92 Muscogee Creek rodeo queen contest will be accepted until May 15.

Queen contestants will be judged on horsemanship, appearance, personality and ad sales.

The winner will be expected to appear at both performances of the Creek Nation Rodeo On June 22-23 and represent the tribe at various rodeos and parades throughout the year.

Brandy Tiger of Oktaha has reigned as rodeo queen the last two years.

Entrants must be:

-- at least 1/4 Creek Indian by blood (Certificate Degree of Indian Blood must accompany form);

-- a current resident of Oklahoma;

-- aged 16 to 25 (proof of age required);

-- single, never married or have children or get married during her reign as queen;

-- able to ride a horse; and

-- able to provide her own horse.

Contestants will sell ads for the rodeo program as part of the contest. Contestants must submit three black and white photos and one page or less background information.

Applications are available by contact Pat Preson, contest coordinator, at the Creek Nation Natural Resource Department at the Capitol Complex here or by calling (918) 756-8700, Ext. 397.

## Council

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Cox for his consideration.

In other action, the Council:

-- failed to override a veto of a bill that would have transferred \$33,422.25 from the natural resources program to the tribe's agri-business for work performed;

-- approved a bill establishing procedures for Indian youth councils to organize. The bill would organize the youth councils through communities;

-- changed the procedures for the tribal administration to apply for funding from foundations and grants. The bill will allow administration officials and program managers to apply for private and public foundation grants.

-- will recognize the Hughes-Seminole district as Tuckabatchee. The change will be submitted for a tribal referendum at a later date. The bill does not affect the district's boundaries or tribal jurisdiction.

-- approved a \$1,000 donation to the National Indian Athletic Hall of Fame in Lawrence, Kan.;

-- increased the emergency medical grants for catastrophic illness to \$1,000. The grant reflects an increase from \$265. The grant can be made every fiscal year and is to be resource for those needing medicines for cancer-related needs, dialysis, and cardiac needs;

-- established funding for a tribal graduate student book allowance. The bill provides a \$350 stipend for books; and

-- appropriated \$2,000 to the Euchee Mission Alumni Association as seed money for its annual reunion. The reunion will be June 21 and 22 at the tribal capitol complex in Okmulgee.

The Council also took action in special session on March 21 and 28.

At the March 21 meeting, the Council approved the nominations of Bill Burden, Eliza Hicks, Mickey Primeaux and Darla Yocham to the Creek Nation Housing Authority Board of Commissioners (see related story Page 1).

In other business the Council:

-- approved 16-11-0 Barton Williams as Lighthouse Chief. Williams has been acting as interim chief since the resignation of Richard Larney in December. The Lighthouse Commission is the law enforcement administration for the tribe. The commissioners are Cox, Childers and Supreme Court Chief Justice Joe Johnson, and;

-- approved by voice vote the nomination of Donna Rhodes to the Oklahoma Institute of Indian Heritage Board of Directors. The organization's purpose is to promote tribal tourism within the Oklahoma.

## Amendments

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referendum before tribal citizens. The three amendments were among 11 considered by the Council. Few of the proposals were without controversy. An amendment detailing the number and method of representatives elected to the Council was amended five times.

Modifications to the proposals included increasing the ratio of representatives to citizens and increasing and limiting the number of representatives to 30.

Here is action taken on each:

**Amending Article IV Section 4** Shall the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation be amended to read: No candidates for office shall be considered elected unless the candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, (a) unless the candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, or (b) when a candidate is unopposed for office he/she shall be automatically declared the winner.

The amendment passed, 22-0, with only Muskogee District Rep. Helen Chupco abstaining.

**Amending Article V Section 1 (a)** Shall the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation be amended to read: No person shall serve office of Chief more than two consecutive terms for which he/she is elected. The amendment passed 22-1

with Chupco in opposition.

**Amending Article VI Section 2 (b)** Shall the Constitution be amended to read: Each representative shall be a legal resident of his district for a full calendar year. The amendment passed 23-0.

Twenty-four of 29 Council representatives were present at the session.

Representatives present: Richard Berryhill and Helen Duncan from the Wagoner district; Larry Bible, Irene Cleghorn, Donna Rhodes and Jerry Wilson from the Tulsa district; Eugene Birdcreek, Bill Fife and Clyde Johnson from the Okfuskee district; Johnson Buck, Robert Buck and Thomas Yahola from the Hughes district; Mose Cawhee, Clarence Cloud, and Ed Frye from the Creek district; Tony Hale and Charlie Litsey from the Okmulgee district; Frank Kamp, Sandy McIntosh, Tommy Newton and Tom Pickering from the McIntosh district; and Harley Little from the Muskogee district. Council Speaker Ken Childers was present but did not vote.

Absent were Okmulgee District Reps. Thomas Berryhill and Harvey Gilroy, Okfuskee District Rep. Mae Jackson and Creek District Rep. Earl Wheeler. Okmulgee District Rep. George Almerigi is serving in Operation Desert Storm.



## In Brief

### Mvskoke language classes available at Council House

OKMULGEE -- Mvskoke language classes will be sponsored by the Creek Indian Memorial Association at the Creek Council House Museum beginning April 13.

Pauline Pakoska Billy, full-blood Mvskoke, will teach two, two-hour sessions on Saturdays. The first class will be from 10 a.m. to noon; the second session will be from 1 to 3 p.m.

A \$30 non-refundable fee is required for the 10-week class. Some handouts will be included in the fee.

Students can pre-register at the Creek Council House Museum, 100 W. Sixth in Okmulgee.

Recommended books are available at the museum.

Tommy Steinsiek, museum curator, said students should bring pencils, notebook paper and folders. She also said regular attendance is essential.

### Euchee alumni plan reunion, dinner June 22 in Okmulgee

OKMULGEE -- The Euchee Boarding School

## Housing

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Authority Board of Commissioners vacant as the terms for that board had expired.

Board members George Farris, Chuck McHenry, Jonas Partridge, Gary Hudgens and Ned Hodge have been serving as the commissioners.

Principal Chief Claude Cox vetoed the bill. Cox said he had submitted nominations to the Council and that the present board was in compliance with the Oklahoma Housing Act.

Cox also said the bill is unconstitutional since it limits his executive power to appoint and fill boards.

When the bill was reconsidered at the February meeting, Council Speaker Ken Childers declared an override with 19 votes and one abstention. Childers said that according to Robert's Rules of Order, abstaining votes were considered with the majority.

The Council also rejected extended terms for the present commissioners.

The Chief took no action to nominate new commissioners.

With the override declaration, Childers nominated Burden, Hicks, Primeaux and Yocham. Approval for those four was given by a vote of the Council at a March 21, special session.

Burden and Primeaux are former Council representatives. Hicks is a former Housing Commissioner. Yocham is a former employee whose position was terminated late last summer.

Farris, authority chairman, signed an affidavit with the court supporting an injunction with the contention that "the Authority will suffer immediate and irreparable damage."

A board meeting scheduled April 2, was postponed. Housing Authority personnel said there was no business that required immediate attention.

Childers said his appointees decided to honor the injunction.

"We'll wait and see what happens and then go from there," Childers said.

Cox said the Oklahoma Housing Authority Act states only a municipal mayor or principal chief can make appointments to the housing authority boards.

The Creek Nation Housing Authority is an independent agency incorporated under state statute administering federal funds within the tribe's jurisdictional boundaries.

Reunion Committee will host its reunion and dinner June 22. Registration will be June 21 at the Creek Nation Complex.

Dinner for the alumni and their guests will be served at noon June 22 at Creek Nation's Okmulgee Bingo hall.

Secretary Phillip Coon said he is compiling information for a commemorative program. He wants alumni to send in a statement on their recollections or thoughts on Euchee Boarding School.

Coon can be reached at 1431 Forrest St., Sapulpa, 74066 or by calling (918) 227-0896.

Reunion committee members are Jesse Freeman Jr., president, and Paul Tiger, vice-president.

### Miss Indian Okla. pageant May 18

TULSA -- The 1991 Miss Indian Oklahoma pageant will be May 18 at the Tower Theatre, One Williams Center Forum.

## Smokeshop

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the high court suit was relayed to smokeshop owners by letter from Creek Nation Gaming and Taxation Commissioner Tim Harper.

Dated March 4, and signed by Harper and Principal Chief Claude Cox, the letter says all licensed smokeshop owners and operators are responsible for any taxes for sales made to non-tribal members.

"The action taken by the commissioner and the Principal Chief is premature," National Council Speaker Ken Childers said.

At a March 7 special session, Childers was authorized by the Council to write a letter to the OTC.

In that letter, Childers wrote that only Congress can regulate commerce with Indian tribes. The letter is signed by Childers and tribal Supreme Court Justice Joe Johnson.

Childers also issued a letter to all smokeshops licensed by the tribe. Childers told the licensees that the Council supported those smokeshops whose licenses and tax payments were on schedule.

Childers encouraged smokeshops to continue operating as designed by ordinance. Those having problems with the OTC are encouraged to contact the Council offices.

At least one community representative said the letters were confusing.

Checotah community leader Joe Fox said his community has begun selling to tribal members only. Checotah paid \$15,956 in taxes in the first three months of fiscal year 1991, selling to the general public.

"The community's cigarette sales have decreased and to my knowledge we're the only community taking this course of action," Fox said.

Fox said the community's board of directors are uncertain about the validity Childers' letter to the smokeshops. He said the letter was signed by Karen Mackey, Council secretary.

But Childers said that practice is not unusual.

"That letter is valid," Childers said. "I'm 50 miles away from the (speaker's) office, sometimes I can't get there to sign letters."

The Council also approved a policy and position statement, authored by Tulsa District Rep. Jerry Wilson, at a March 21 special session.

The basic policy is:

- to continue operating smokeshops within the political jurisdiction of the Creek Nation;

- support and provide for the defense of any agent of the tribe who is sued for the collection of state sales tax;

- to determine the feasibility of owning and operating a tobacco wholesale distributorship, and;

- solicit Congress to pass legislation supporting tribal self-determination.

The theme of the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women-sponsored pageant is "From a Distance." The pageant will begin at 7 p.m. Advance tickets are \$8 and \$9 at the door.

Contestants will perform traditional and modern talent. They will model traditional and contemporary dress. Candidates also will be subject to two-day interviews and impromptu questions.

Contestants must be between 18 and 25 years of age, a high school graduate, at least one-quarter Indian, unmarried, never had children and never co-habitated with a male. The entry fee is \$150; contestants must sell \$100 in ads for the pageant program. Applications must be turned in by May 7.

For more information or tickets call Martha Barker, pageant director, at (918) 491-6937 or Shirley Wapskineh, OFIW chairperson, at (405) 632-5227.

Tribal administrators find nothing wrong with the basic language of the bill but note that the position has no funding and no structure with which to implement such a policy.

Cox said the policy doesn't provide for any procedures if anyone does need legal assistance.

Cox said smokeshop operators are at risk. He also contends the tribe can negotiate an agreement with the state as long as any arrangements have the blessing of the federal government.

"We're going to negotiate with the state and find out what (Gov. David Walters) might want to do," Cox said. "In the meantime, the tax commission can make life pretty miserable for operators."

The Gaming Operations Authority Board has stopped selling cigarettes at Creek Nation's Tulsa Bingo. Harper said he will stand by the regulations issued in his letter.

At least two individually-owned smokeshops have closed. Others are seeing declining sales. Most of those smokeshop operators surveyed asked not to be identified.

The immediate reaction from the Supreme Court's decision has been the difficulty of getting cigarettes to smokeshops.

Most shops were being supplied by Taylor Wholesale in Coffeyville, Kan. After receiving a letter from the OTC warning of possible actions, Taylor stopped supplying to smokeshops.

Other suppliers have increased their costs, hedging against any OTC claim for state sales taxes.

David Bruner, operating smokeshops in Tulsa and Broken Arrow with his brother Danny, said the OTC has scared off a few distributors but their operation has maintained a steady supplier.

"We've been working with the same distributor for three years," Bruner said. "We've all been inconvenienced some (by the ruling)."

Bruner said he hasn't had any contact with the OTC since the ruling and was continuing operations as before the ruling.

The Bruners are not strangers to smokeshop controversy. In the 1980s, the OTC sued Danny Bruner for non-payment of taxes. Bruner was instructed then to sell only to tribal members.

Bruner also had differences with the tribal tax commission for non-payment of tribal taxes and operating without a tribal license.

Both conflicts have been resolved and the Bruners continue to operate their smokeshops.

"What most people don't realize, is that Danny started this business from the trunk of his car," Bruner said. "He's a good example of an Indian that has done (well)."

"We're going to keep selling cigarettes until people stop buying them."

*(Stephanie Berryhill contributed to this story)*



# Ke-hv~se (Mulberry Month) May

Net'tv-ca'ko SUNDAY	Mv'nte MONDAY	Tu'ste TUESDAY	Net'tvca'kuce-en nvrkvp'v WEDNESDAY	Rv'ste THURSDAY	Fli'te FRIDAY	Nettv-ca'ko-cu'se SATURDAY
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Listed by date and time are chartered community meetings				Okemah, 7 p.m.		Hanna IC Spring Arts/Crafts show
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Hanna IC Spring Arts/Crafts show	Wetumka, 7 p.m. Kellyville, 7 p.m. Muskogee, 7:30 p.m. Yardeka, 7:30 p.m.	Tulsa, 6:30 p.m. Okla. City, 7 p.m. Okfuskee, 7 p.m.		Eufaula IC Achievement Awards Banquet, 7 p.m.		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mother's Day	Hanna, 7 p.m. Okmulgee, 7 p.m. Sapulpa, 7 p.m.	Checotah, 6 p.m. Glenpool, 6:30 p.m.		Okemah, 7 p.m.		Miss Indian Okla. Pageant Tulsa, 7 p.m.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Bristow, 7 p.m. Holdenville, 7 p.m. Wilson, 7 p.m. Coweta, 7:30 p.m.	Dewar, 7 p.m. Duck Creek, 7 p.m.			Holdenville IC seniors banquet 7 p.m.	National Council, Okmulgee, 10 a.m.
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Memorial Day	Weleetka, 7 p.m.		Eufaula, 7 p.m.		

## MNN May deadline: April 19

### Commodity distribution

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Commodity Program makes stops at 12 Indian community centers monthly.

Distribution sites include:

Hanna	Second Tuesday
Coweta	First and third Tuesday
Eufaula	First and third Thursday
Okemah	First and third Wednesday
Holdenville	First and third Tuesday
Weleetka	Fourth Tuesday
Wetumka	Second Thursday
Checotah	Second and fourth Thursday
Dewar	Second and fourth Wednesday
Glenpool	First and third Wednesday
*Bristow	First and third Thursday
**Kellyville	First and third Thursday

Times: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\* 9 a.m.-noon.

\*\* 1 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information or an application contact the: Commodity Food Distribution Program, Creek Nation Complex, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447, or phone (918) 756-3467.

### Tribal phone numbers

#### Creek Nation Administration

Address: P.O. Box 580  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
Phone: (918) 756-8700  
Fax: (918) 756-3324

#### Departments/Extensions

Principal Chief/Claude Cox 200  
Executive Director/Gary Breshears 203  
Tribal Affairs/Buddy York 270  
Human Development/Emanuel Morgan 350  
Finance/David Bryant 245

#### Creek National Council

Speaker: Ken Childers  
Address: P.O. Box 158  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
Phone: (918) 758-1410, 1415, 1416.

#### Commodity Warehouse

Manager: Charley LaSarge  
Address: 1008 Eufaula Street  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
Phone: (918) 756-2917, 3467 or 3002.

#### Indian Child Welfare

Address: 313 W. Eighth  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
Phone: (918) 756-4224, 2772.

#### Creek Judicial Branch

Address: P.O. Box 652  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
Phone: (918) 758-1400 or 1412.

#### Creek Nation Housing Authority

Address: P.O. Box 297  
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## COVER STORY

### Etske Nettv

Mvskoke moms  
recall old values

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
Community Affairs Editor

**T**raditionally, the matrilineal nature of our people offers Mvskoke mothers and their children a unique bonding that non-Indians never will have or understand.

In the Anglo patrilineal society everything from one's surname to religion and church affiliation are determined by males.

As Mother's Day approaches, it's important we remember our Mvskoke mothers are the essence of our identity. They provide us with our clan and tribal town. Without our mothers we would not have what is essential to truly call ourselves Mvskoke.

Traditionally, Mvskoke culture  
See **MOTHERS** on Page 15



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Sarah Coker Hicks, 90, says she let a Willow switch do the talking when it came to disciplining her children.

### Council OKs trust consent for bingo hall

Legislation puts Muskogee  
gaming project in motion

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

**O**KMULGEE -- The Muskogee (Creek) National Council gave its consent for 26 acres of Muskogee property, intended for a gaming operation, to be placed in trust for the tribe.

The 29-member tribal legislature was called into session by Principal Chief Claude Cox. The trust status is given for the property's surface with the mineral interests to be placed in trust when the title clears.

The bill was amended by Creek District Rep. Ed Frye to place on record the requirement for minerals to be placed in trust.

Creek Nation Realty Manager Rod Durossette said he did not anticipate any problems with the minerals interest but warned that the U.S. Department of Interior's regional solicitor may take two years to research the title.

The minerals issue has thwarted Cox's attempt to build the Muskogee bingo hall for more than a year. The Council approved the purchase of the land located at U.S. 69 and Peak Boulevard March, 1990.

Frye said he wasn't pleased with the

See **TRUST** on Page 14

### Housing gets injunction

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

**O**KMULGEE -- The Creek Nation Housing Authority received an injunction preventing forced changes to its board of commissioners in Okmulgee County District Court April 5.

The injunction was sought by the current Housing Authority against Eliza Hicks, Bill Burden, Mickey Primeaux and Darla Yocham,

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### Supplemental funding boosts Festival

By TOMMY CUMMINGS  
MNN Managing Editor

**O**KMULGEE -- Creek Festival and Rodeo '91 will be fully funded for its June 21-23 run.

Some events, such as golf and tennis, were not penciled into the Festival Committee's budget because the event's \$34,000-plus carryover fund was committed to other expenses.

But the Muskogee (Creek) National Council barely passed a \$24,475 appropriation at its

April session to supplement the carryover funds.

The bill passed with nine yes votes, four no and four abstentions. Eleven Council members were either absent or did not vote on the bill.

Nonetheless "everything's covered," Carney Roberts, committee chairman, said after the committee's May 2 meeting.

The Festival and Rodeo will begin Friday with Youth Olympics, fastpitch softball tournaments and the all-Indian rodeo.

On Saturday, activities heat up with tennis, volleyball, golf and horseshoe tournaments; a parade and senior citizens games.



## Guest commentary

### Honesty, understanding can quell teen rebellion

By **NEGIEL BIGPOND**

Creek citizen/Okemah

As a parent and guidance counselor, it's a great concern for me to see what the rebellious teenager is having to go through.

Rebellion is a signal that a teen is unhappy, unsatisfied. A lot of times it's fear. He or she is saying, "I'm afraid, I'm different." Often, they're going against peer pressure.

We need to stop and look at what's going on. The attitude of the parent should be honest, gentle and understanding. That creates security within the home. Rebellious teens no longer have to go outside the home to find someone to be honest and gentle with them.

In regard to teenage rebellion, here are what I consider the predominate causes and telltale signs:

**Peer pressure:** Parents seem to always get the excuse that everybody else is doing it. It seems fashions, dating, music, entertainment, food, drink and even hairstyles are dictated by peers.

**Fear:** Not being accepted is not very appealing. To some teen-agers, being approved of by the group is the most important thing there is, especially during adolescence. Why is it so important for our teen-agers what everybody else is doing? The need to fit in with the crowd. The thought of standing alone, outside the group or being the opposite, is very frightening.

Very few teens are born leaders. They may have the ability but fail to use it. They may have a real desire to go against the crowd with important issues.

Society always has been guilty of starting fads and fashions such as cars, clothes, homes, education, politics and religion. It's like trying to keep up with the Joneses and they act on their own personal principles.

Radical reactions mostly cause separation and withdrawal. When you say, "You do it because I say so or because I said so," it may cause just the opposite of what you want. You may win the fight or argument but lose the war.

If the question is why or why not, reply with deep answers or explain why. Build communication. Turn rebellious situations into a challenge to the teen-ager by allowing them to think for themselves.

You may encounter the statement: Everybody else does it. A proper response is: Everybody who isn't, why aren't they doing it? Which is more important, right or wrong? Is it wrong to be different.

Which brings you to the question: Who's opinion is more important -- boyfriend, girlfriend, parents, teachers, friends, Godly leaders?

Remember make it a challenge to them.

Negiel Bigpond is Counselor/Coordinator for the Creek Nation Community Hospital's Human Services and Substance Abuse program. His number is (918) 623-1424, Ext. 276.

## Letters to the editor

### Speaker: 'Mvto' to our troops

Editor:

On behalf of the National Council, I wish to extend a hearty congratulations to all our armed services personnel for a job well done and welcome our Creek warriors home. You have brought pride and honor to our nation. Mvto.

Ken Childers, Speaker, Glenpool

## It's a different festival \$ea\$on ...

There is going to be a noticeable difference this year at Creek Festival and Rodeo '91.

There will be thousands of people in Okmulgee June 21 through 23 but not one of them will be attending the Okmulgee Pecan Festival.

This year, the Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce has scheduled its annual Pecan Festival June 13-15, a week ahead of the tribal festival.

In year's past, the Pecan Festival began one day earlier than the tribal holiday. Chamber officials say the scheduling was coincidence.

Before Okmulgee developed its festival, the city used to host a festival-rodeo around Independence Day.

Officially, Chamber members are indifferent to this year's change: "We don't mind because we'd like to see everyone enjoy both," said Shelly O'Mealey, president of the Pecan Festival committee.

Estimates for attendance at the 1990 Creek Festival were between 10,000 and 11,000. Okmulgee's population is nearly doubled during festival weekend.

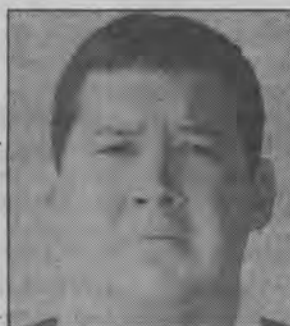
When both festivals were held simultaneously, lodging was difficult to find. Too many of the festival participants had to stay in Henryetta, Glenpool and Tulsa.

This year, more local motel space should be available. Aside from the money spent on rooms, the majority of those attending the Creek Festival will purchase gas, groceries, and lots of other miscellaneous items unavailable at the Omniplex.

Many local merchants should be savoring the festivals on separate weekends.

This is also an excellent opportunity for the tribe to demonstrate its economic clout.

The budget for this year's festival is more



**JIM WOLFE**

MUSCOGEE NATION  
NEWS EDITOR

than \$55,000. Many of those dollars will be spent with local merchants. The tribe pumps a lot of money into the local economy throughout the year, not just at Festival time.

Though the Creek Nation is a member of the Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce, there doesn't seem to be any Chamber promotion, or support for one of the area's largest employers ...

Though money was appropriated for the festival, there was some dissent.

Yes, it does seem frivolous to appropriate more than \$24,000 to supplement the festival when there are people in need.

There are those who believe the festival should at least break even.

To do that, the committee may have to charge admission and increase the parking fee. The committee would have to begin operating concessions rather than the communities, grounds and churches.

The committee could seek corporate sponsorships.

The festival is supposed to be a time of goodwill and fellowship. In that context, it's hard to determine what the festival's worth ..

The Creek Nation community task force reports the Hanna Indian Community is considering the possibility of operating a grocery store and propane distributorship.

It is a classic example of how a community can determine its needs at a local level and then seek solutions.

A grocery store managed competently could certainly sell foods much cheaper than any of the local alternatives. A community propane distributorship would be welcome relief to the people dependent on one local operator.

Consider the tribe's social services department administers energy assistance programs with tribal and federal funds.

Were a person to receive energy assistance, the money could be spent with Indians at the community level rather than placed elsewhere in a non-Indian economy. There would be a double benefit.

It is hoped the community can resolve its differences and continue developing this opportunity ...



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# Health board ponders employee benefits plan

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKEMAH -- Third party payments to the Creek Nation Health System reached a fiscal year high \$128,918 for March but may not be enough to cover future indirect costs.

Elvina Swayze made the report at the April board meeting. The cost of employees' fringe benefit package has increased with costs being covered by private insurance and Medicare payments. Accounts payable and the system's attorney fees also are paid with third party funds.

"We can no longer afford the fringe benefits (employees) have," Swayze said.

Board chair Shelly Crow said it is required that employees at the four clinics and hospital receive the same amount of benefits that Creek Nation tribal employees receive. Tribal employees receive benefits at 30.5 percent of their payroll.

The Hospital and Clinics Board is an independent agency regulating health and dental clinics in Eufaula, Okemah, Okmulgee and Sapulpa and a community hospital in Okemah.

The health-care system employs approximately 120 people, about half the number of tribal employees. Through last year, the Creek Nation provided insurance from Aetna Life & Casualty for both groups.

Principal Chief Claude Cox issued an executive order last year that separated the two groups.

"These are things we inherited," Crow said. In other business, the Board:

- approved the Creek Nation Health System information booklet;
- approved a motion requiring staff physicians to make their patient charts current;
- instructed the director of nursing to establish charges for surgery-related services;
- instructed clinic administrators not to divulge patient's Social Security numbers or other personal information until a legal opinion can be made; and
- set a May 15 deadline for smokers to use a designated smoke area.

The health board will meet May 20 at the Sapulpa Clinic.

## Tribal Affairs

### Creek Nation Housing Authority issues 55 deeds to homebuyers

OKMULGEE -- Fifty-five homebuyers have met their contractual obligations under the Mutual Help and Occupancy Agreement and are now homeowners, according to the Creek Nation Housing Authority.

"The deeds are now being processed and should be filed and issued before the end of May," said Sam Whitlow, CNHA executive director.

This is the first time the Housing Authority has experienced this many homes paying off simultaneously.

Whitlow said the workload to ensure accurate legal descriptions is time consuming but the burden of waiting is offset with the knowledge that this many families now own a home.

Whitlow added that the purpose for the establishment of the CNHA, to assist low-income families become homeowners, is being met.

Whitlow reminded the new homeowners that they are now responsible for insurance and property taxes and urged them to contact insurance agencies to get the most affordable rates and the various policies available.

Questions about returning the land back to trust or restricted status should be directed to the Creek Nation realty office at (918) 756-8700. Questions regarding property taxes should be directed to their respective county assessor's office.

"On behalf of the entire staff of the Housing Authority, I would like to congratulate these



MNN Staff Photo

Okmulgee Bingo Hall Manager Ray Barnett, third from left, presents a \$79,459.70 check to Principal Chief Claude Cox. The check represents the Okmulgee's March profit. Pictured from left to right are Finance Director David Bryant, Cox, Barnett and Gaming Commissioner Tim Harper.

55 new homeowners for their perseverance in completing their mutual help obligations," Whitlow said.

### Youth, elders Conference plans June 19-22 meeting in Okemah

OKEMAH -- The Youth and Elders Conference, a four-day spiritual gathering, will be June 19-22 north of Interstate 40 near Okemah in a traditional Mvskoke roundhouse.

Camping space and daily meals will be provided. No drugs, alcohol or weapons will be allowed.

For more information or contributions contact Jackie Warledo, P.O. Box 701796, Tulsa, OK (918) 742-2125.

## Council OKs payment, panel for agribusiness

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved two agribusiness bills, including a \$33,000 reimbursement, at its April session.

The 29-member tribal legislature authorized a \$33,435 payment from the natural resources contract to the agribusiness account. The bill is the third attempt to provide natural resource funds to the agribusiness.

Though approved, the bill is expected to be vetoed by Chief Claude Cox.

Cox contends that federal regulations

prohibit the use of natural resource funds in a profit-making enterprise.

The natural resources program is contracted by the tribe from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The program's purpose is to enhance trust or tribal property.

McIntosh District Rep. Tom Pickering, the bill's author, says the work has been performed by the agribusiness staff and should be reimbursed.

The agribusiness has operating under the management of Stacy McIntosh. The Hanna farm and the Dustin dairy are not a part of the Creek Nation management structure.

The Council also approved the creation of an agribusiness board to oversee the operation.

The chief, speaker and the tribal affairs committee will each appoint one member to the board.

In other business, the Council:

- failed to override a veto of the law enforcement implementation act. The act is considered necessary to contract law enforcement programs from the BIA;

- approved a public use facilities bill for ceremonial grounds and churches. The bill provides \$81,600 for the recipients to install bathrooms and running water.

- amended the burial assistance program. The amendment restricts burial assistance to those people based on need and provides a grant up to \$1,000 to meet uncovered funeral expenses.

Okmulgee District Rep. Charley Litsey had authored an earlier bill that provided \$1,000

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## Tribal towns hear recognition bill

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

OKEMAH -- A Muscogee (Creek) National Councilman familiarized Mvskokullke Etwvla Etelaketa members with legislation that would give tribal towns official recognition by the Creek Nation.

Tulsa District Rep. Jerry Wilson's bill establishes a system with which the tribe will use to recognize tribal towns. He detailed the bill at the Tribal Town Confederacy's April meeting.

According to Wilson's legislation, the tribe will issue certificates to tribal towns upon the provision of the following documents:

- tribal town constitution and by-laws,
- description of their citizenship enrollment process,

- tribal town enrollment,
- certification of their election results,
- legal description of their political service jurisdiction.

Certificates of recognition must be approved by National Council ordinance. After tribal towns have received recognition they may be granted cooperative agreements for the provision of social/economic development services.

These agreements must also be approved by Council ordinance. Tribal town leaders have not publicly indicated whether they'll provide the documentation the bill requires.

The Mvskokullke Etwvla Etelaketa's establishment in 1540 makes it the oldest form of Mvskoke government. The 1867 Creek constitution al-

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# Social Services manager begins run for chief

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

EUFULA -- Jimmy "Bunny" Hill, Muscogee (Creek) Nation social services manager, announced his candidacy for Principal Chief.

Hill, 41, has been manager of the tribe's social services program for the last year after six years with the tribe's community health representative department. He also is pastor of Yardeka Indian Baptist Church.

Hill made the announcement at the Eufaula Indian Community's monthly meeting.

Hill said the timing "is right" to seek the Creek Nation's highest-elected office. Current Principal Chief Claude Cox announced earlier that he will not seek re-election.

A Eufaula High School graduate, Hill has received an associate of arts degree from Haskell Junior College of Lawrence, Kan., a bachelor's of science degree in education from the University of Kansas and a master's degree in education from Emporia State College, Kan.

"With God's help, my goals are to have a positive impact on our people, promote economic development and maintain cultural and traditional perspective," Hill said.

Hill said he is an advocate of education.

"We need to educate ourselves to perpetuate self-reliance and self-sufficiency in a prominent non-Indian world," Hill said. "I also want to educate the non-Indian about our laws, customs and traditions."

Hill is married to the former Ella Bruner and has three children.

Hill becomes the third person to announce. Creek Nation Second Chief Perry Beaver and educator Jackson Barnett also have entered the race for the tribe's highest office.

Filing period for Creek tribal elections opens Sept. 16. Elections are scheduled Oct. 26 (primary) and Dec. 7 (general).

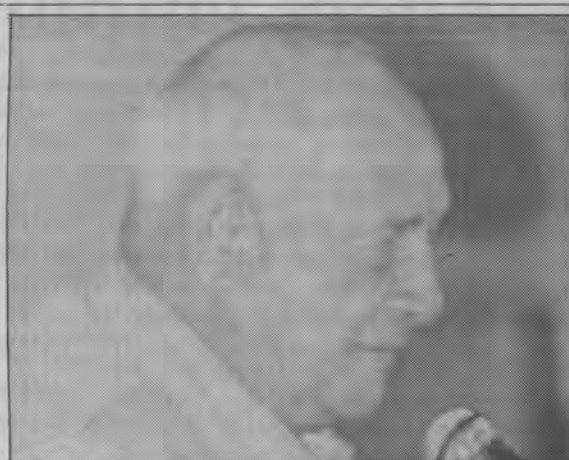


Photo by Jim Wolfe

Principal Chief Claude Cox responds to the more than 150 who gathered in Oklahoma City on April 6 for an honorary roast sponsored by the Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association.

## Governor tabs Principal Chief for minority affairs committee

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Muscogee (Creek) Nation Chief Claude Cox has been named to an Oklahoma select committee on minority affairs. Cox was picked by Gov. David Walters to sit on the Steering Committee for Minority Groups.

## Program celebrates its 10th

OKMULGEE -- The Creek Nation Elderly Nutrition Program will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a dinner on May 21 at Creek Nation's Okmulgee Bingo. In conjunction, the program also is serving Mother's Day dinners at Okmulgee on May 7; Wetumka, May 8; Koweta, May 9; Eufaula, May 9; Dewar, May 10; and Bristow, May 10.



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Two Creek Nation head start students exchange batons in a relay race during the Creek Nation Head Start Little Olympics at the Okmulgee County YMCA.

## State Briefs

### Muscogee man given 40-year sentence for shooting Creek artist

MUSKOGEE -- A Muscogee man has received a 40-year prison sentence for the fatal shooting of Creek artist Christopher Jerome Tiger.

District Attorney Drew Edmondson had asked the Larry William Butcher, 30, be given a life sentence in the May 9, 1990, shooting. Associate District Judge Bruce Sewell instead gave Butcher a 40-year term April 18.

Jurors on Feb. 27 convicted Butcher of first-degree murder. Butcher contended he shot Tiger after the artist threatened to kill Butcher and a friend. Tiger's death came 23 years after the death of his father, also a renowned Creek artist.

### Chickasaw governor says he'll seek second term in August

ADA -- Chickasaw Gov. Bill Anoatubby has



announced he will seek a second term to the tribe's highest executive office. Tribal elections will be conducted in August.

In a press release, Anoatubby said he has kept promises to the Chickasaws. He cited the acquisition of the original capitol building

from Johnston County, the reprinting of the Chickasaw Dictionary and a special program to allow more citizen direct input as promises he has met.

Anoatubby said he will continue to keep the provision of tribal services to his people as his highest priority. He also pledged to continue his efforts to bring improvement to housing, health care and educational programs.

### Conference on Indian tourism features traditional emphasis

OKLAHOMA CITY -- The first Oklahoma Conference on Indian Tourism will be May 20-21 at Hilton Inn West.

Oklahoma Sen. Enoch Kelly Haney will give the keynote address, discussing traditionalism versus commercialism. Woody Anderson of the Creek Nation economic development department also will be a featured speaker.

### Oklahoma City, LittleAxe students vying for OCMA's princess crown

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Cassandra Jean Barnett, a full-blood Creek, is a candidate for Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association princess. Cassandra, 14, is a freshman at Capitol Hill High School where she has a grade point average of 3.83 and is a Super Scholar. She also is freshman band queen and has played clarinet in the band. She played on the freshmen, junior varsity and varsity basketball teams. She attends First Indian Baptist Mission of Moore. Parents are Betty and Sandy Barnett. Maternal grandparents are Mattie Fields of Shawnee and the late Yarkin Harley. Paternal grandparent is the late Palmer (Hixie) Barnett.

-- Theda Roulston, 12, also is a candidate for OCMA princess. Theda attends Little Axe School where she is active in basketball, softball and track. Theda enjoys dancing at powwows and sewing. Theda's votes come from money donations. To donate, write the OCMA, 711 Southwest 29th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73110.

# Housing sponsoring poster contest

OKMULGEE -- Creek Nation Housing Authority is sponsoring a poster contest illustrating fire safety themes for children living in mutual help homes.

Prizes will be awarded to first- through third-place entries. The contest is limited to children who are or will be in kindergarten through the eighth grade.

All entries must be original art created by the child using crayons, markers or brush paint. Entries should not be larger than 12 by 18 inch.

All entries will be judged by presenting a message that is clear and important, colorful and incorporate an Indian or Alaska native theme.

Contest judges will be CNHA board of commis-

sioners. The winners' work will be submitted for regional competition and possibly to the National Amerind Risk Management Corp. competition during its yearly convention.

The national winner will be awarded a savings bond and an expenses paid trip with his or her parents to Phoenix, Ariz., for the National Safety Fair in November. Last year's winner was Tony White from the Standing Rock Indian Housing Authority.

Entry forms are available from the CNHA office or by calling Beverly Chancey at (918) 756-8504. Deadline will be June 25, 4:30 p.m.

Children or grandchildren of housing authority employees are ineligible.



## Tulsa

Tulsa Creek Indian Community has formed a Creek Festival & Rodeo '91 community festival committee. Jo Hummingbird, community festival committee chairperson, has been attending Creek Festival & Rodeo Committee meetings at the Creek Capitol Complex. Hummingbird said the community is lacking a coach for its youth Olympics track team. Board members are expressing their appreciation to several community members and non-members who have made it possible for the organization to set up a booth at the festival. Recently, 82 members and guests attended the community's first sponsored wild onion fundraising dinner. Proceeds will be used to sponsor the booth and assist community members.

-- The next meeting is 6:30, May 11. Volunteers interested in helping the committee may attend the meeting or call (918) 749-6260.

-- The community's regular meeting will be May 7 at the Turner Community Center, 3503 E. Fifth Place. A potluck dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. prior to the meeting.

The board of directors will meet at 5:30 p.m., May 21 at 2300 E. 14th Street.

## Okemah

Okemah Indian Community has opened a baitshop and giftshop. Both stores will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

-- The community has begun hosting a food bingo at 7 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month. Packs of 15 to 20 games cost \$5. The community also hosts a monthly birthday dinner at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month for community members.

-- The community began holding its weekend flea markets early last month. The market is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Booth space is \$5 on Saturday and \$2.50 on Sundays.

-- Youth interested in participating in the community's Creek Festival Youth Olympics team may contact Gwyn Canard, community reporter, at (918) 623-9109.

## Beggs

Four Creeks were elected temporary officers at a public meeting last month to organize the Beggs Indian Community. Elected were Verna Barnes, president; Chester Adams, vice-president; Evelyn Parker, secretary/treasurer and Rick Powell, parliamentarian/reporter. Their duties will be to review other community constitutions, solicit for members and prepare for the Creek Festival. Steve Landsberry, Creek Nation Community Task Force member, and Jimmy Hill, Creek Nation social services manager, provided an overview of the Creek Indian community concept.

Obtaining Beggs-area Creek residents' addresses, record keeping and fundraising ideas were discussed at the meeting. The community's regular meetings will be at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. This month the community will meet May 13. A meeting place has not been determined yet.

## Glenpool

Glenpool Indian Community is accepting applications for two part-time positions. The community want to select individuals to fill program developer and bookkeeper/accountant positions. Those applying for bookkeeper should have a bachelor's degree in business administration or three years of business management experience. Grant writing experience is also required. A degree in accounting or two years experience is

## Association offers fellowship, classes to urban Creeks

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

**O** KLAHOMA CITY -- When the Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association first organized some urban Creeks were a little leery until finding out the group's purpose and objectives.

"People thought it was a church group, but now more traditional people are involved," said Clarence Walter, OCMA chairperson.

It would be understandable for traditional Creeks to be leery. The OCMA's office is miles from the heart of Creek Country and is the only chartered community outside of traditional tribal boundaries.

First chartered under the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in 1985, the association has around 45 members. Of the 20 active members most are over age 50, Walter said.

The OCMA's eight-member board of directors are elected on a rotating basis every September. It has a public relations committee and is in the process of appointing more committees, Walter said.

The OCMA serves 3,000 Creeks in a five-county area. Among those counties are Logan, Canadian, Cleveland, Oklahoma and Potawatomi.

Until obtaining office space in March 1990, the organization met at the Native American Center. Today, the OCMA's office is located at 711 Southwest 29th St.

Before economic development projects can be pursued, the community's first objective is to obtain funding for a center, Walter said.

Although the group's urban headquarters is far removed from Mvskoke ceremonial grounds, Walter said several association members are active within their tribal towns. Educating urban Creeks on Mvskoke culture and language is an important part of the organization's activities.

Currently, Mvskoke traditional religion and ceremonial activities classes are being taught at the association office and will be until May 23. The six-week class, free of charge to Creeks, is being taught by John Proctor of Tallahassee Ceremonial Ground.

Other classes that have been offered by the organization are Mvskoke language and beading classes.

The OCMA is like many chartered Creek communities, but it does have differences, too. For instance, the OCMA has its own princess.

Stephanie Yazzie currently holds the title. Four Creek girls have been vying for the title of OCMA Princess since last December. The winner will be determined by the most votes or pennies collected by each contestant. A new princess will be announced at the community's June

required for the book keeper/accountant position. A receptionist was hired early this month and will be at the community center throughout weekdays. Robert Smith also was hired recently a custodian.

-- The community will be scheduling activities with the city of Glenpool's Blackgold Celebration on May 31, June 1-2. A powwow will be in the

## COMMUNITY PROFILE



Clarence Walter, Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association chairman, sits in on the community's honorary roast of Principal Chief Claude Cox. The roast was sponsored by the OCMA.



OCMA Princess Stephanie Yazzie gets a hug from Okfuskee District Rep. Mae Jackson at the community's honorary roast.

## OCMA board of directors

**CHAIRMAN:** Clarence Walter.

**TREASURER:** Darlene Harjo.

**SECRETARY:** Jane Milam.

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Janette Jones, Raymond Yahola, Judy Harwell, Eddie Jacobs and Liza Pena.

membership meeting. As of this year, each association princess will have a two-year reign and is responsible for representing the organization at various functions, such as the Red Earth Festival, and at powwows.

Among services the association offers its members are:

- social services based on family income and number of family members;
- home repair assistance upon provision of home title, deed and Creek Citizenship cards;
- \$50 toward funeral expenses for active organization members' immediate families.

community's activity center, although the days have not been determined. Those interested in arts and crafts set-up at the powwow or anyone interested in conducting fashion shows may call (918) 291-5300 or (918) 291-5308.

-- An Indian car contest will be held at the center on June 1 at 3 p.m. First, second and third prizes will be awarded.



## Okmulgee

Okmulgee Indian Community member David Proctor will coach the center's youth Olympics team that will compete in Creek Festival & Rodeo '91. Proctor anticipates at least 50 youth to join the team. Forty competed last year. Indian children 6 to 15 are eligible to enter. Deadline is June 10. Proctor said practice will begin early this month and urged parents to volunteer their time.

## Yardeka

Yardeka Indian Community recently opened its smokeshop. Lillie Lewis is the store cashier. The store is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and located eight miles south of Henryetta on old Lake Road.

## Sapulpa

Mvskoke and Yuchi language classes are still being conducted by the Sapulpa Indian Community. Creek classes are conducted at the office, 1030 E. Taft St., Suite 101, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays and at community Secretary/Treasurer Phyllis Warrington's residence (1328 E. Haskell) at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. Yuchi classes are given at the office at 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

## Koweta

Koweta Indian Community's current smoke-shop manager is Brenda Roberts. The community's regular meeting is May 20, 7:30 p.m.

## Oklahoma City

A Mother's Day breakfast will be cooked by the Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association men May 11 at 8 a.m.

— John Proctor of Tallahassee Ceremonial Ground is teaching a Mvskoke traditional religion and ceremonial activities class. The six-week class is conducted from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays and will last until May 23. Creeks may attend the classes free of charge at the community office located at 711 S.W. 29th Street.

## Holdenville

Holdenville Indian Community is hosting a banquet at 7 p.m., May 24 for 17 Holdenville Indian high school students and their parents. Community members are invited to attend and bring a covered dish. Speakers will be Perry Beaver, Muscogee (Creek) Nation second chief, and Kenneth Childers, National Council speaker.

## Kellyville

The Kellyville Indian Community smokeshop closed early last month for renovations. The improved, larger smokeshop should reopen in early May, said Pauline Hite, community chairperson.

## Eufaula

Eufaula Indian Community activity coordinator Jerry Francis is coaching a girls softball team and the community's youth Olympics team that will compete in the Creek Festival & Rodeo '91. The Olympic team's practices will begin in early May.

## Bristow

Bristow Indian Community is honoring its graduating high school seniors with gifts of \$50. Creek seniors living within Bristow Indian Community boundaries may receive the money. Creek citizenship cards must be provided.

## Birthdays



Amberly Hill



Jeremy Dowdy

## Nathan Brice Chalakee Barnett

OKMULGEE — Nathan Brice Chalakee Barnett celebrated his second birthday with a party at McDonald's on April 12.

Barnett is the son of Carman Chalakee and Acee Barnett, both of Okmulgee. Maternal grandparents are Barbara Guerrero, Pendleton, Ore., and William Chalakee, Okmulgee. Paternal grandparents are Daniel and Rachael Barnett, Eufaula.

Maternal great-grandparents are the late Webster and Martha Chalakee of Okmulgee and Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Alexander, Pendleton, Ore.



## Thomas Berryhill Sr.

### Pauline Pakoska Billy

SCHULTER — Thomas Berryhill Sr. and his sister-in-law, Pauline Pakoska Billy, celebrated their 78th birthdays together on March 24.

The party was held and attended by Berryhill's children, grandchildren and Billy's nieces, nephews and cousins.

Berryhill was born March 24, 1913 in Okemah and belongs to the wind clan. Billy was born March 23, 1913 in Schuler. She belongs to the alligator clan and Big Cussetah Ceremonial Ground. Both are members of Honeycreek Indian Methodist Church.

## Amberly Michele Hill

SEMINOLE — Amberly Michelle Hill celebrated her fourth birthday Feb. 26. Amberly is the daughter of Cynthia and Jerome Hill of Seminole. Grandparents are Mary and Fred Billy of Holdenville. Great grandparents are Elsie Faultner of Holdenville and Winey and Kelly Fixico of Holdenville.

## Jeremy Dowdy

GLENPOOL — Jeremy Dowdy celebrated his 11th birthday on April 15. His parents are Bill and Bernadine Dowdy. Jeremy is a fifth grade student at Glenpoll Elementary School.

## Phillip Wiley Mills

MORRIS — Phillip Wiley Mills celebrated his seventh birthday on April 20 with a party given by his parents, Paul and Wanda Phillips. Phillip attends Morris Elementary School.

## Birth announcements

### Yahv Micco Berryhill

OKEMAH — Yahv Micco Berryhill was born March 25 to Adrienne Berryhill. Yahv was born

at the Carl Albert Hospital in Ada at 3:33 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 20.5 inches. He is the grandson of Al and Stella Berryhill of Okemah and the great-grandson of Cindy Hohahta, the late Eugene Hohahta, Martha Nazorthy and the late John Berryhill. Yahv belongs to the deer clan and Greenleaf Ceremonial Ground.

### Matthew Aaron Billy

HOLDENVILLE — Matthew Aaron Billy was born Feb. 22 to Farron Young of Calvin and Cheryl Billy of Holdenville. Matthew is the grandson of Fred and Mary Billy of Holdenville. Paternal grandparents are Clyde Young and the late Geneva Young of Calvin.



### Ashlei Nicole Roulston

NEWALLA — Ashlei Nicole Roulston was born Feb. 26 to Wesley Roulston and Keri Dimick. Ashlei was born at Carl Albert Hospital in Ada. She weighed 8 pounds, 6.5 ounces and measured 22.5 inches. She is the granddaughter of Tony and Joammie Roulston of Newalla and the great granddaughter of the Rev. Alex Burgess of Bowlegs and Joan Burgess of Wolf.

## Reunions

### Wacoche family

MUSKOGEE — The fifth annual Wacoche Reunion will be May 25 at Wacoche Hall on the campus of Bacone College. The reunion begins at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Bring covered dishes and lawn chairs. Softball and volleyball games will be played. For more information, call Johnson Wacoche at (918) 456-2874 or Ben Wacoche at (405) 745-2833.

## Weddings



Janice Tiger and Thomas Berryhill

### Berryhill-Tiger

HENRYETTA — A traditional wedding between Thomas P. Berryhill of Okmulgee and Janice Tiger of Mounds will be May 25 at 3 p.m. at Arbeka Ceremonial Grounds. Berryhill and Tiger invite all ceremonial grounds members, National Council representatives and family and friends. Berryhill is a National Council representative from Okmulgee.



## In Brief

## Coaches group picks Creek wrestler for all-state team



WAGONER — Micco Charboneau, a senior at Wagoner High School, was named to the Oklahoma Coaches Association all-state wrestling team in the 190-pound division. He placed third in the state tournament with a 30-2 record. He was first in the Hale Open Tournament and Webster Tournament in Tulsa

and in the Wagoner Tournament.

Micco plans on attending college and participate in wrestling and baseball. He will wrestle at the all-state games July 31 at Union High School.

Micco is the son of Jerry and Hettie Charboneau and the grandson of Blanche Alexander, all of Wagoner.

## Wrestler wins his division in junior high championships



TULSA -- Hoovey Joe Blue Perez, ranked No. 3 in Oklahoma in 117 pounds, won the junior high state championship in his weight at Oklahoma City.

Hoovey, the son of Hoovey and Della Perez, is a four-time state champion and finished the season with 24 wins and two losses. Nineteen of his victo-

ries came by falls. He is a member of the Blue Plus Wrestling Club.

Hoovey is a member of Little Cussetah Baptist Church.

## Notices

## Softball

## Thlopthlocco Open Fastpitch.

WHEN: May 10-12. WHERE: Okmulgee City Park.

DEADLINE: May 8. ENTRY FEE: \$80. AWARDS: Team trophies and T-shirts to finalists, third-place team.

TO ENTER: Call (918) 623-0419; Jimmie McGertt (918) 623-1255 or Bryon McGertt (918) 322-3809.

## Williams Coed Classic.

WHEN: May 11-12. WHERE: Creek Nation Omniplex.

DEADLINE: May 8. ENTRY FEE: \$70. AWARDS: First- through third-place trophies.

TO ENTER: Call Dean Williams (918) 756-8700, Ext. 366.

## Men's fastpitch.

WHEN: May 11-12. WHERE: Creek Nation Omniplex.

DEADLINE: May 8, 10 p.m. ENTRY FEE: \$70 and one new red-dot ball.

TO ENTER: Call Carl or Calvin West (918) 623-2838.

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## Creek inductee: Education meant more in long run

By EDDIE D. CHUCULATE  
MNN Correspondent

MUSKOGEE -- Even though Edwin S. "Ed" Moore snubbed professional football offers, there was no snubbing the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame.

Moore, 72 and one-half Creek, was inducted into the hall in Lawrence, Kan., on April 13.

Moore was born south of Morris in Okmulgee County and raised on Half-Moon Ranch. In 1939 he was picked to the Associated Press Honorable Mention All-America football team after his junior season as a two-way end at Oklahoma A&M University.

It was this national recognition that made him eligible for induction into the American Indian Athletic Hall. He was introduced at the awards ceremony by Perry Beaver, second chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and was nominated by William F. Tyndall of Muskogee.

"This is the highest honor I can think of," Moore said. "Of all the Indians there are, only 77 are in. It's really a distinction, I think."

Moore has made his biggest mark off the playing fields, however. He wrapped up a nearly 38-year career working in the U.S. Department of Interior's education division when he retired as Indian education director at the Bureau of Indian Affairs here on Dec. 28, 1979.

Upon retirement he was given a Meritorious Service Medal from the Interior Secretary. It was this dedication to the education of fellow Indians that prompted him to refuse professional football offers after he completed his senior season at what is now Oklahoma State University in 1940.

"I had already made up my mind that I wanted to work for the BIA in education," Moore said. "I had always admired people who worked in boarding schools, people who were always trying to help kids."

Moore spent his first four school years in Morris before transferring to the Euchee Boarding School for Creek, Seminole and Euchee Indians in Sapulpa for five years.

But it was at Chilocco Indian Agricultural School where his athletic and academic careers began to take shape and he met the people who would change drastically affect his life. Moore spent his three high school years at the school located in northern Kay County near the Kansas border.

At Chilocco, the baseball team played teams from area colleges and other boarding schools. While playing Oklahoma A&M at Chilocco, Moore met Aggie baseball coach and athletic director Henry Iba.

"I was real impressed with him," Moore said. "And it (school) wasn't too far away."

Moore and brother Kenneth Moore, a current Morris resident enrolled together at the university in Stillwater. Although he received some financial aid, money was lean and Moore faced the prospect of dropping out and returning to Morris.

"I went in and talked to Mr. Iba and said I had no money," Moore said. "He told me if I made the freshman football team not to worry about finances. He'd see to it I didn't have to leave."

Moore tried out and made the freshman team. Iba, who compiled a 665-316 record and won back-to-back national championships in his 36 years as basketball coach, held true to his word.

"On October 1st (1936) he called me in and



This photo of Ed Moore appeared on the first inside page of the Oct. 12, 1940, "The Aggie Gridiron Review," which was the game program for Oklahoma A&M's home game with Wichita University.

told me he was going to give me a job," Moore said. "In those days, we actually had to work."

Moore was assigned equipment room duties in the gym. Over the years he held jobs like sweeping the field house and working as a referee in the school's intramural athletics system. Moore was there when the \$1.5 million Gallagher Hall was opened on Dec. 9, 1938.

Had Iba not have offered Moore the opportunity, Oklahoma A&M could have missed out on a football player who became one of its greatest in history.

Under coach Jim Lookabaugh, Moore, playing at 6-foot-1, 184 pounds, was an All-Missouri Valley Conference selection in 1939. Playing an end in the old single wing offense, Moore managed to lead the league in receptions in an era when the position called mainly for blocking.

"When I was playing, guys who started played the whole game," Moore said. "If you took a player out he couldn't come back in until the next quarter."

"There was no two-way end. You were just an end. When you didn't have the ball you stayed in your position and played defense. Also there was no coaching from the sidelines. You were penalized if he hollered in."

"The quarterback called all the plays and the captain made all the decisions on penalties. Guys would conceal injuries just to stay in the game."

People can debate all day on which game was tougher: today's version or the game Moore played. But all you need to know is that Moore and his contemporaries played without facemasks on their leather helmets.

"There was a guy who played for OU, Cash Gentry, who didn't even wear a helmet. He said it slowed him down. The only time he'd wear one was in November to keep his ears warm when it got cold," Moore said.

During his college years, Moore also played semi-pro baseball and independent basketball for teams around Okmulgee. He played baseball for the Morris Indians and basketball for Joe McNac's

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## Legislative Overview

How They Voted	NCA 91-15 Reconsider veto of law enforcement implementation act. Override failed: 16 yes, 7 no; 2 abstain	NCA 90-123 A bill providing public use facilities at churches & grounds. Passed, 25,yes,0 no	NCA 91-32 A bill amending the tribal burial assis- tance program. Passed: 15 yes, 9 no, 0 abstain.	NCA 91-11 Giving consent for land to be placed in trust. Passed: 21 yes, 1 no 1 abstain.	NCA 91-11 Giving consent for land to be placed in trust. Passed: 21 yes, 1 no 1 abstain.
George Almerigi, Okmulgee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Richard Berryhill, Wagoner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Larry Bible, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Eugene Birdcreek, Okfuskee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Johnson Buck, Hughes	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Robert Buck, Hughes	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Mose Cahwee, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ken Childers, Tulsa	Yes	Did Not Vote	Did not vote	Did not vote	D
Helen Chupco, Muskogee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Clarence Cloud, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Helen Duncan, Wagoner	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bill Fife, Okfuskee	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Ed Frye, Creek	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Tony Hale, Okmulgee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Mae Jackson, Okfuskee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Frank Kamp, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Charlie Litsey, Okmulgee	Abstain	Yes	No	Yes	
Harley Little, Muskogee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tommy Newton, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tom Pickering, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Donna Rhodes, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Earl Wheeler, Creek	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Jerry Wilson, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	No	Abstain	
Thomas Yahola, Hughes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	



<b>A 91-31</b> Bill reimbursing agribusiness Natural Re- sources. Passed: 17 yes, 6 no, 1 abstain.	<b>NCA 91-30</b> A bill creating an agribusiness board of directors. Passed: 18 yes, 5 no, 1 ab- stain.	<b>NCA 91-40</b> Approving the Barry Benefield ICW con- tract. Passed: 18 yes, 0 no.	<b>NCR 91-02</b> Approving a resolu- tion supporting David Wilde and his custody battle. Passed: 18 yes, 0 no.	<b>NCA 91-05</b> Approving funding for the 1991 Festi- val and Rodeo. Passed: 9 yes, 4 no, 4 abstain.	<b>NCA 91-07</b> Approving funding for teenage wellness conferences (April 17). Passed: 24 yes, 0 no.
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## Senior Spotlight

### Okmulgee High School seniors



Debbie Powell (5/8ths Creek-Seminole)

Parents: William and Carolyn Powell.

Activities: Band, Spanish club, Student Council and Class Representative, FBLA. Honor roll member three years.

Plans to attend Oklahoma State University/Okmulgee to major in accounting and then transfer to OSU for her bachelor's degree.

Attends First Baptist Church of Morris.



Kimberly D. Peters (Choctaw)

Parents: The Rev. Floyd Peters and Nancy Peters.

Activities: Varsity softball, Title V volleyball, Indian Club, Math League, band and Spanish Club.



Marva Ann Jackson (Creek)

Parents: Joe and Flora Jackson.

Activities: Varsity softball, varsity basketball, pom pom team, band, Title V volleyball, All-District band and pep band in

the play "Oklahoma." Plans to attend Northeastern State University, Tahlequah.



Sherry Mitchell (Creek) Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mitchell.

Activities: Freshman class vice-president, sophomore class president, junior class president, band (seven years), drum major (two years), All-District Band, band treasurer, student council (seven years), student council secretary (senior year), academically talented (four years), science fair, regional science fair, French club (two years), Mathletes (four years), all-school play, all-school musical, Close-up, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (president), National Honor Society (two years), National Honor Society (senior year vice-president, tutor), Future Business Leaders of America, Academic Bowl.

Out-of-school activities: Youth and government (treasurer, president), Mademoiselle Sorority, school tutor, child care (five children).

Honors/awards: student of month (four years), honor roll (four years), band sophomore attendant, band queen, band director's outstanding student award, outstanding drum major (Konawa Band Day), Presidential Letter "O", Academic Letter "O", Academic Bar, Oklahoma Honor Society, Who's Who, OU Honor Scholar, OSU Honor Scholar, DAR Good Citizen Award, FCA "Athlete of the Year."

■ To be featured in The Muscogee Nation News' '91 Senior Spotlight, submit biography and photo to MNN Senior Spotlight, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

## In Brief

### Oklahoma City student takes part in educational field study in D.C.

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Mandy Miller, 13, was among 12 Webster Junior High School students chosen to participate in a four-day educational field study in Washington, D.C. Mandy visited the National Geographic building, the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials, two Jima and Vietnam veterans memorials, the National Archives and the Smithsonian Museum. She also visited Embassy Row, the Great Cathedral, the Kennedy Center, the Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon and Ford's Theatre. The trip was sponsored by the Educational Field Study Association. Mandy's parents are Jack and Ella Miller. She is the granddaughter of Kizzie Miller of Haskell and Harold Miller of Mounds.



## Honor Rolls

### Okmulgee Public Schools

OKMULGEE -- The Okmulgee Indian Education Program has announced the list of Indian students who attend Okmulgee Schools that made the honor roll. Class and first-semester grade point average:

A Honor Roll: MIDDLE SCHOOL: Tony Hale 4.0, Lora Jackson 4.0.

WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY: Letitia Whiteshirt, Bridget Benson, Brandis Fish, Danny Post, Fusahega Factor, Brian Klaus, Kelli Weimer, Justina Davis, Bety Willey, Laurie Smith, Mark Hale, Ryan Rutledge, Amber McDowell, Carrie Tyndall, Autumn Bear, Johnnie Branson.

EASTSIDE ELEMENTARY: Andrew Whiteshirt, Justin Leybas, Jonathan Pigeon, Jackie Nuttle, Roy Foote, Kasey Morton, Amber Woodfield, Ashley Haley, Rachel Roanhorse, Patty Proctor, Robbie Thomas, Roberta Bass, Jessica Acton, Tina Thompson, Arlie Boyd, Larissa Foley.

A-B Honor Roll: MIDDLE SCHOOL: Kristy McClure 3.7, Tony Nuckolls 3.4, Micah Wolfe 3.6, Marnie Brown 3.7, Betsy Graham 3.1, Scott Harjo 3.4, Sabra Minter 3.1, Sheila Pettyjohn 3.7, Tate Steinsiek 3.3, Rodney Thomas 3.3, Winema Watson 3.4, Phillip Williams 3.3, Amber Bitsouie 3.3, Laurie Brown 3.7, Kim Martin 3.4, Miranda Motte 3.0, Jason Nichols 3.1, Kelli Nuttle 3.3, Ginger Wolfe 3.3.

WESTSIDE: Meredith Goodvoice, Emilie Harper, Brandon Harjo, Holly O'Donnell, Sarah Harjo, Alicia Arsee, Jamie Wittman, Carl Lee, Mark Rogers, Maleia Green, Jeremy Goodvoice, Brandy Harjo, Nathan Ingram, Darren Fox, Leodicci Green, Toby Watashe, Blaine Child, April Thomas, Robert Deere, Camaron Boss, Shelecia Lunsford, Krystal Qualls, Sarah Autoubo, Carl Jean Callaway, Tessie Jimboy, Jessica Kelley, Edwin Whiteshirt, Mark Luallen, Stephanie Rocho, Jeremy Lunsford, Marquita Williams, Danny Hodge, Dodi Hames, Melissa Pigeon, Tina Qualls.

EASTSIDE: Vincent Baccus, Ronald Parker, Amanda Munds, James Boyd, Blaine Bass, Johnny Powell, Crystal Taylor, Lisa Jackson, Sarah Watson, Kevin Foley, Travis Hawkins, A.J. Harley, Laura Bible, Denise Nuttle, Koosa Deere, Dena DeLaune, Katrina Foley, Jenny Martin, Earl Polk, Jason Davis, Scott Sterling, Tiffany Cummings, Fallon Proctor, Anna Boyd, Wynona Powell, Valerie Taryole, Jennifer Taryole, Jonas Thonrton.

### Northeast District conference to recognize graduating seniors

PRESTON -- The Northeast District of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference will recognize graduating seniors May 25. The Methodist group will recognize Kimberly Peters, Newtown Indian Methodist Church member attending Okmulgee High School; Brian Tarpalechee, Big Cussetah United Methodist, Morris High; Bruce Warrington, Salt Creek United Methodist, Sapulpa High; Chris Jones, Seminole Hitchitee, Seminole High; Chris McGirt, Yeager Mission, Holdenville High; Tom Kingfisher, Stroh's Chapel United Methodist, Tahlequah High; and Charlie Battiest, Billy Hooten United Methodist, Oklahoma City.

### Biblical theatrical drama casts Sapulpa resident in 14 scenes

SAPULPA -- Janice Screehowl was a member of the Tulsa Easter Pageant cast. The pageant, held March 29-30, is a biblical theatrical drama that depicts the prophecy, annunciation, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. Janice portrayed Claudia, Pilate's wife, an angel and a member of the multitudes in 14 of the 39 scenes of the play.

### Okmulgee banquet features Council leader as its speaker

OKMULGEE -- Muscogee (Creek) National Council Speaker Ken Childers will be featured speaker May 10 at the Okmulgee Indian Education Banquet. The banquet, which honors outstanding Indian students in the Okmulgee Public School System, begins at 7 p.m. at Eastside Elementary School.

B Honor Roll: WESTSIDE: Matthew Rocho, Camela Matthews.

Students of the month: WESTSIDE: Lauren Goodvoice, Kelli Weimer, Tessie Jimboy (September); Meredith Goodvoice, Brandy Harjo, Carl Lee, Beth Willey, Mark Hale, Stephanie Rocho, Jeremy Lunsford, Marquita Williams, Melissa Pigeon (October); Dustin Golightly, Bridget Benson, Jeremy Goodvoice, Mark Rogers, Johnnie Branson, Leodicci Green (November); Camaron Boss, Kim Carmona, Laurie Smith (December); Brian Klaus, Emilie Harper, Jessica Kelley, Ryan Rutledge, Danny Hodge, Dodi Hames (January); Alicia Arsee, Letitia Whiteshirt, Camela Matthews, Blaine Child, Carmen Bear, Timothy Ingram (February); Fusahega Factor, Holly O'Donnell, Elizabeth Post, Jay James (March).

EASTSIDE: James Boyd (September); Autumn Bear, Lucian Watson, Laura Bible, Tina Thompson, Tiffany Cummings (October); Regina Fixico, Larissa Foley (November); Rachel Roanhorse, Amanda Munds, Andrew Whiteshirt, Jamie Spottedbird, Robbie Thomas, Kendra Hill, Jason Harley (December); Vincent Baccus, Katrina Foley (January); Johnny Powell, Robbie Thomas, Fallon Proctor, Nick Jukich (February); Lisa Jackson, Lacey Marshall, Rhiannon Bell, Jennifer Taryole (March).

Perfect attendance: WESTSIDE: Letitia Whiteshirt, Damon Williams, Autumn Bear, Maleia Green, Nate Ingram, Leodicci Green, Shelecia Lunsford, Carmen Bear, Jeremy Lunsford, Ryan Rutledge, Dodi Hames.

EASTSIDE: Amanda Munds, Kasey Morton, A.J. Harley, Robbie Thomas, Aaron Berryhill, Laura Bible, Jenny Martin, Jessica Acton, Jason Davis, Randy Minter, Michael Lauder milk, Valerie Taryole.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: Micah Wolfe, Tammy Checotah, Scott Harjo, Sabra Minter, Michael Whitlow, Aimee Greenhow, Jason Nichols, Roy Phillips, Miranda Motte.



## Thompson Henry Larney

HENRYETTA -- Thompson Henry Larney, 62, died April 19 in Henryetta. Services were April 23 in Shurden Chapel and burial was in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Weleetka. Larney was born Oct. 20, 1926 in Okmulgee County. He retired from the City of Weleetka. Larney was a member of the Honey Creek Methodist Church and a World War II veteran. Survivors: his father, Mitchell Larney of Weleetka; three brothers, Richard W. Larney of Henryetta, Samuel Lee Larney of El Monte, Calif., and James F. Larney of Auburn, Calif.; two sisters, Charlotte F. Syden of Irving, Texas; and Josephine K. Noah of Weleetka.

## Cainey Roberts Sr.

OKEMAH -- Cainey Roberts Sr., 86, of Okemah died April 9 in the Creek Nation Community Hospital. Services were held April 13 at Nuyaka Indian Baptist Church with the Rev. Willis Knight officiating. Burial was in the Roberts Family Cemetery. Wake services were April 11 at Shurden Chapel in Henryetta. Roberts was born Feb. 10, 1905 in Indian Territory to Kendall and Mary Roberts. He was a retired rancher of Okfuskee County and member of the Nuyaka Indian Baptist Church. He married Stella Pierce on May 19, 1938 in Okemah. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Leitka, in 1980. Survivors: his wife of the home; four daughters, Patty Factor, Judy Roberts, Patsy Pigeon and Louise McNac, all of Okemah; two grandsons the Cainey and Stella adopted and raised, Joe Leitka of Okemah and Chris Leitka of the U.S. Army in Fort Leonardwood, Mo.; one brother, Stanley Roberts; three sisters, Elsie Roberts and Selee Deere, both of Okmulgee and Ina Hicks of Okemah; 20 grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

## Daniel Childers

TULSA -- Daniel Edward Childers, 57, died April 16. Services were April 18 at Ninde Garden Chapel in Tulsa. Childers was born Sept. 3, 1933 in Wewoka. He was a salesman with Ramsey Chevrolet and a veteran of the U.S. Navy after serving in the Korean Conflict. He was a longtime deacon of First Christian Church. Survivors: wife Maxine of the home; a daughter and her husband, Christie Dianne and Warren Singleton of Bentonville, Ark.; a son and his wife, Mark Edward and Brenda Childers of Broken Arrow; two brothers, Victor F. Childers of Tulsa and Kenneth L. Childers of Glenpool; two sisters, Barbara Jean Gillespie of Coweta and Joyce Ann Bear of Tahlequah; three grandsons, Michael Sean and Patrick Daniel Singleton of Bentonville and Aaron Edward Childers of Broken Arrow; an uncle John Williams of Albuquerque, N.M., an aunt, Ethel Pittman of Eufaula; and many nieces and nephews. Friends may contribute to the First Christian Church Landscape Fund.

## James Helton

OKMULGEE -- James Helton, 64, of Okmulgee died April 16. Services were April 19 at Smith Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Jonas Partridge officiating. Burial was in the South Heights Cemetery. Helton was born Nov. 10, 1926, in Sapulpa. He moved to the Creek Nation Elderly Housing Complex in 1981. He attended Lone Star and Euchee Mission Indian School in Sapulpa. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, during which he received the Army of Occupation Medal and Victory Medal. He also served in the Korean Conflict. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Okmulgee. Survivors: one daughter, Sharon Harris of Okmulgee; a brother, Newman Helton of Sapulpa; three sisters, Wanda Chavez of Naples, Ill., Catherine Evans of Kiefer and Mildred Bettis of Tucson, Ariz.; and three grandchildren.

## Sarah Bruner

OKMULGEE -- Sarah Bruner, 92, of Okmulgee

died April 16 in Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. Services were April 19 at Concharty Indian Methodist Church with the Rev. Newman Frank officiating. Burial was in the Bruner Family Cemetery. Mrs. Bruner was a lifetime resident of Okmulgee and a homemaker. She was born April 16, 1899, in Stonebluff, Indian Territory, to Daniel Barnett and Samaria Colbert Barnett. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Bruner, in 1957 and a son, Walter, in 1989. Survivors: one daughter, Louvinia of Okmulgee; two sons, Miller and Robert Bruner of Okmulgee; a half-sister, Kizzie Miller of Stonebluff; three grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

## Lou Ella Barnett

CHECOTAH -- Lou Ella Barnett, 72, of Checotah, died April 3 after a long illness. Services were April 5 in the First Baptist Church of Checotah with the Rev. Elbert Smith officiating. Burial was in the Greenlawn Cemetery. Barnett was born Feb. 20, 1919, in Checotah to Marshall D. and Jeanetta (McIntosh) Townsend. She was a retired junior chemist from Phillips Petroleum Co. and a retired bookkeeper from Panhandle Bank and Trust of Borger, Texas. She was a member of Canadian River Gem and Mineral Society, and various square dancing clubs. She also was a member of First Baptist Church of Checotah. She was preceded in death by her husband, Beryl B. Barnett Sr. on Feb. 1, 1989. Survivors: one son, Beryl Barnett Jr. of Houston; one daughter, Marsha K. McGehee of Borger; one brother, Yahola Townsend of Checotah; three sisters, Wanema Priddy of Checotah, Lahoma Campbell of Fort Worth and Helena Patman of New Orleans; one granddaughter, Marisa Beryl Barnett of Houston and two grandsons, Micha and Kristopher McGehee of Borger. Pallbearers: George Smith, Harold Bacon, Stanley McIntosh, Calvin Jones, Ken Jetton, Clarence McGehee.

## Phippie McCombs

EUFULA -- Phippie McCombs, 76, of Eufaula died March 29. Services were April 1 at Tuskgee Indian Baptist Church with the Rev. Rudolph Colbert and the Rev. Charles Thompson officiating. Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery. A song service was given March 31 at Black's Funeral Home Chapel. Mrs. McCombs was born Jan. 30, 1915, at Eufaula, the daughter of James and Susan Poloky Charles. She was reared in the Eufaula area and attended school at Deeres Chapel. She was married to James McCombs in September, 1941, in Eufaula. She was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of the Eufaula area. She was a member of the Tuskgee Indian Baptist Church and was active at the Senior Citizens Center and a member of the Muscogee-Wichita-Seminole Assembly committee for 30 years. She was preceded in death by three half sisters, Rhoda Barnett, Christine Francis and Lena Deere and two brothers, Rufus and Sam Charles. Survivors: her husband James of the home; one sister, Mable Jones of Muskogee; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers: Jack Belcher, Tom McCombs, Taylor Phillips, Byar Beaver, Gary Colbert and Perry McCombs.

## Konzie Bighead

MOUNDS -- Konzie Bighead Jr., 59, of Mounds died in April. Services were in the Pickett Chapel Indian Methodist Church with the Revs. Thomas Long and Mike Harjo officiating. Burial was in the Woodland Cemetery in Sand Springs. Bighead was born on Oct. 22, 1931, in Mounds. He had lived in Mounds for the last 15 years, moving here from Amarillo, Texas. He attended Chilocco School and Liberty High School. Bighead was a painter and had served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Pickett Chapel Indian Methodist Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. Survivors: his

wife Louis; stepdaughters, Marie Foshee and Connie Buetner, both of Amarillo; Tommie Dearman of Midland, Texas, and Priscilla Mason of Sand Springs; stepsons Chester Lewis of Sand Springs and Carl Lewis of Kansas City, sister Mae Tulsa of Mounds and 18 grandchildren.

## Lillie Mae Harjo

WETUMKA -- Lillie Mae Harjo, 81, died March 25 at the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah. Services were March 29 at Sand Creek Baptist Church. Mrs. Harjo was born Sept. 6, 1909 near Okmulgee to Aaron and Miley Johnson Yarhola. She was a retired baker and homemaker. She was employed several years by the Lassen Hotel in Wichita, Kan. She spent the last several years in Wetumka where her husband, Albert (Mongey) Harjo, preceded her in death on Sept. 26, 1989. She was a longtime member of Sand Creek Baptist Church where she served as a Sunday School teacher. Survivors: two sons, Glenn Harjo of Wichita and Gene Harjo of Ada; a daughter, Delores Mambi of the home; 13 grandchildren, along with several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

## Robinson Smith

WETUMKA -- Robinson Smith, 67, died March 31 at the Wetumka General Hospital. Services were April 4 at Middle Creek Baptist Church No. 1 with the Rev. James Wesley officiating. Smith was born July 23, 1923 at Carson to Joe and Nola Bruner Smith. He was raised and attended school in the Carson community. He entered the U.S. Army in 1943 and served during World War II before his discharge in 1946. He re-enlisted in 1950 and served during the Korean Conflict before his discharge in 1952. In 1950, he was married to Ioleta Cousins at Oklahoma City and they made their home in Dustin following Mr. Smith's military career. She preceded him in death in 1984. He was employed by the Middle Creek range for 18 years and also by the Seminole Nation through its public health division as a construction inspector. He was a member of Middle Creek Baptist where he served as a deacon. He also was member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 539 in Henryetta. He was preceded in death by a son, Robison Smith Jr. in 1953 and a daughter, Jeanetta McCoy, in January 1991. Survivors: three sons, Michael and Timothy of Dustin and Mark of Wetumka; a daughter, Monica Spearman of Alderson; a sister, Minnie Long of Holdenville; 12 grandchildren, four great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

## Austin "Buddy" Barnett Jr.

EUFULA -- Austin "Buddy" Barnett Jr., 39, of Okmulgee died March 4. Barnett was born Oct. 9, 1951 at Talihina, the son of Austin and Mamie Tiger Barnett. He was raised in the Eufaula and Hanna areas, graduating from Hanna High School in 1970. He entered the U.S. Air Force in 1970 and served in Korea until 1974. He had lived in Tulsa for the past 17 years where he was employed as a welder and moved to Okmulgee in February. He was a member of Hillabee Baptist Church. Survivors: four daughters, Nicole Barnett, Ashley Barnett and Sherrie Barnett, all of Coweta and Amie Lynn Barnett of Okmulgee; three sisters, Augusta Anderson of Holdenville, Evangeline Craig of Cherokee, N.C., and Jenice Jones of Eufaula; seven brothers, Benjamin Barnett of Okmulgee, Franklin, Anthony and Paul Barnett of Eufaula, Charles Barnett of Coweta, Elliot Barnett of Henryetta and Keith Barnett of Morris; his maternal grandmother, Sarah Harjo of Okmulgee; two aunts, Maxine Barnett of Eufaula and Edna Mitchell of Henryetta; three uncles, Edmond Barnett of Dustin, Tom Tiger of Oklahoma City and John Tiger of Henryetta.

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## Obituaries

### Lemuel McIntosh

**BROKEN ARROW** -- Lemuel McIntosh, 61, died April 21 at Claremore Indian Hospital after a brief illness. McIntosh was born Aug. 12, 1929 in Broken Arrow to the Rev. Ben McIntosh and Ella McIntosh. Lemuel graduated from Broken Arrow High School in 1949 where he excelled and was recognized for his outstanding achievements in football and baseball. He attended Bacone College in Muskogee. Later, he entered the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Upon leaving the Air Force, he and Betty Drake were married in 1955. He was employed with the Tulsa County Highway Department for 35 years. He was a lifetime member of Haikey Chapel United Methodist Church. His favorite Creek hymn was "Help Me To Pray." His favorite English hymn was "Precious Memories." Survivors: his wife Betty; son Wayne "Sonny"; daughter Lynne McIntosh Phillips; three grandchildren, Brandy, Brandon and Shauna; four brothers, Murphy, Jesse, Ben "Luke" and Paul; and many nieces and nephews. Pallbearers: Jesse McIntosh Jr., Jimmy McIntosh, Paul McIntosh Jr., Barney McIntosh, Shawn James, Larry Noble and Billy Brown.

### Peter Simmer

**HENRYETTA** -- Peter Simmer, 86, of Henryetta died April 19 in Henryetta. Services were April 23 at the First Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev. Kenneth Major officiating. Burial was in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Weleetka. Simmer was born in Weleetka on April 3, 1905. He was a construction worker and member of the First Freewill Baptist Church in Henryetta. Survivors: his wife, Mary Simmer of the home; a son, William Simmer of Modesto, Calif.; two grandsons, one granddaughter, one great grandson, one great granddaughter and two step-daughters.

### Gregory Allen Sevier

**LAWRENCE, Kan.** -- Gregory "Gregg" Allen Sevier, 22, of Lawrence died April 21 at his home. Services were April 24 at Warren-McElwain Mortuary in Lawrence with the Rev. Robert Pinezaddleby officiating. Burial was in the Pearl Sevier family lot in Hitchita, Okla. Sevier was born July 23, 1968 in Tahlequah, the son of Willie and Orene Watson Sevier. He attended grand school and junior high school in Lawrence and was a 1988 graduate of Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah. He was self-employed. Survivors: his parents, Willie and Orene Sevier, both of Lawrence; two sisters, Judy Sevier Hoffman and Julie Sevier Gudenkauf, both of Lawrence; his grandmothers, Ora Watson of Watson, Okla., and Pearl Sevier of Hitchita, Okla.; one niece and one nephew.

## Thanks (Mvto)

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the many people who brought prayers, food, flowers and friendship during the loss of our husband, father and grandfather, Cainey Roberts. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

The Roberts family.

## Reunion

### Chilocco Alumni Association

**TULSA** -- The Chilocco Alumni Association will be June 14 through 16 at the Merriott Hotel.

Golf and bowling will be among the activities featured. Tulsa Indian Community members will be assisting the association with the annual reunion.

For information and early registration, call (918) 749-6260.

## Religion In Brief

### Trenton Indian Baptist

**TRENTON** -- The Trenton Indian Baptist Church is holding a gospel singing at 7:30 p.m., May 25. The master of ceremonies is Country Gospel. All singers and people are invited to attend. The church is located three and one-half miles west of Hanna.

### Buckeye Creek Baptist

**MASON** -- Buckeye Creek Baptist Church will host a memorial and annual singing July 19-20. Robert Jones of Muskogee Sounds will be the emcee.

### Glorieta Baptist

**OKLAHOMA CITY** -- Glorieta Baptist Church, one of the largest Native American baptist churches in Oklahoma, will celebrate its 30th anniversary Aug. 9-10.

Special events include an evening reception Aug. 9 and lunch Aug. 10 after morning services. Former Glorieta pastors are planned to speak after Sunday's lunch. A church memory book also will be viewed.

All church members, former and current, are invited.

### NE District Senior Missionary

**MORRIS** -- The Northeast District Senior Methodists will hold their annual camp meeting at Big Cussetah Church June 14-16.

Registration will begin at 3 p.m. June 14. Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. and services will begin at 7 nightly.

Sunrise services will be June 15 and 16.

## Genealogy Search

If you need help in genealogy research and tracing your ancestry, address your inquiry to the Communications Department, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Your inquiry will be printed in this space provided by The Muscogee Nation News for others to help in your search. The Communications Department will print inquiries only and cannot aid in research efforts. Remember to include your return address.

My great, great grandfather was Dock Boone (non citizen) who married Millie, a one-half blood. Their son, Thomas Boone (born 1832 and died 1906) was enrolled Creek (No. 3355). Thomas was an Indian policeman and married Pris(cilla) Hardridge. Pris(cilla) was Creek and Cherokee from Florida. Thomas' and Cilla's children were Walter, Charley, Imy, Newman, Josaphine and Daniel (my grandfather). Their allotment land was in Eufaula. They were related to the Marshalls. Can someone tell me Millie's maiden name? I need information on the Hardridge family. I need the location or name of cemetery where Dock and Millie, Thomas and Pris(cilla) are buried. If someone has a photograph of Dock or Millie or Thomas or Pris(cilla) I will pay reasonable costs for a negative or print.

Jeanne Boone Roberts, 406 Patterson St., King City, CA, 93930.

I need information on David Bruner and his wife Lucinda Bruner. Their daughter was Eliza Bruner Foster born in 1865. She is on the Creek Indian roll. Her parents ran a store in Allen in the early 1900s.

John E. Foster, Route 5-Box 308C, Ada, OK, 74820.

## Creeks In Service



Tysen Manross



Patrick Berryhill

Tysen Manross enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve after graduating from Grand Junction High School in Grand Junction, Colo., in 1989. While attending college in Phoenix, Ariz., he transferred to the U.S. Army National Guard's 259th Co., which was called to active duty and is now stationed in the Persian Gulf. He is the son of Marvin Manross and Tandy Manross of Phoenix. He has a younger sister, Tristica, and a brother, Stephen. Tysen is the grandson of Celia Pittman Campbell, formerly of Checotah.

Patrick Allen Berryhill, graduate of Davenport High School, is stationed with his U.S. Army field artillery battery as a part of Operation Desert Storm. Berryhill attended Seminole Junior College before enlisting in January of 1988. He is the son of Edna Sanders of Weleetka and Al Berryhill of Okemah. He is the grandson of the late Polly and Charley Fixico of Weleetka and Martha Nazworthy of Sapulpa and the late John Berryhill of Okemah.

## Sports Notices

### Softball

#### Hanna IC slowpitch

**WHEN:** June 1. **WHERE:** Hanna Indian Community.

**DEADLINE:** May 30. **ENTRY FEE:** \$65. Eight-team limit with a 12-man roster. **AWARDS:** T-shirts for finalists, third-place caps. **TO ENTER:** Call (918) 657-2424 or Kizzie Harjo 657-2595.

### Volleyball

#### Coed Tournament

**WHEN:** May 11-12. **WHERE:** Creek Nation Omniplex.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$30. **TO ENTER:** Call Carl or Calvin West (918) 623-2838.

#### Coed Tournament

**WHEN:** May 17-18. **WHERE:** Yeager Mission near Holdenville.

**SPONSOR:** Northeast District Youth Ministry (proceeds go to NE District Youth Camp).

**ENTRY FEE:** \$25. 8-man roster. **AWARDS:** T-shirts to team champion; first-through third-place team trophies. Donations accepted, concessions available. **TO ENTER:** Call Chris McGirt (405) 379-3642 or write 106 Lou Drive, Holdenville, OK 74848; or David Wilson (918) 683-3443 or write P.O. Box 9, Okay, OK 74446.

### Run

#### Red Earth 8-kilometer run

**WHEN:** June 8, 8 a.m. **WHERE:** Bricktown, Oklahoma City.

**SPONSOR:** Oklahoma Indian Running Club. **ENTRY FEE:** \$10 before race day, \$15 on race day. **AWARDS:** First 500 registered runners receive T-shirts. Fun run also scheduled.

**TO ENTER:** Call Randy Frazier (405) 677-5532 or Lamont Frazier (405) 677-0292.



# Quarterly financial statement

For quarter ending  
March 31, 1991

The Creek Nation's Office of the Treasury, as one of its major functions, produces a series of monthly budgetary and general ledger reports on all activities and programs of the Creek Nation. These reports are made available to appropriate management personnel and other interested parties.

The Office of the Treasury maintains an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for fund accounting in order to meet the standards and reporting requirements of the Government Finance Officers Association and the reporting requirements as established under the A-128 Single Audit Act.

Reports prepared under these standards tend to be technical and complex by nature, which may require a more in-depth understanding of both accounting principles and fund accounting than those reports of other entities.

In order to keep tribal members cognizant of the financial status of the Creek Nation, a summary financial statement is prepared and published quarterly. This statement has been prepared on a cash basis to reflect receipts and expenditures accumulated on year to date basis.

A detailed explanation of the reading of this statement is as follows:

**PROGRAM NAME:** Provides the titles of various programs and activities of the Creek Nation.

**RECEIPTS:** Provides a year to date total of all cash collected for this program.

**BUDGET:** Provides the approved budget for the current fiscal year, for federal and tribal funds.

**ENCUMBERED FUNDS:** Provides totals, at the date of report, for commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services.

**EXPENDED FUNDS:** Provides totals for all obligations incurred and paid at the date of report.

**UNENCUMBERED FUNDS:** This gives the balance of the budget minus encumbered funds minus expended fund. This is the balance available for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Program Name	Receipts	Budget	Encumbered	Expended	Unencumbered
General Taxes & License	501,142	775,858	1,766	360,397	413,695
Administration/Indirect	597,747	1,520,962	30,814	842,123	648,025
Consumer Loans	89,738	77,293	72	26,457	50,764
Communications	276,027	272,200	3,237	177,976	90,987
Creek Nation Bingo	1,190,176	2,300,686	21,130	1,313,159	966,397
1991 Tribal Budget	546,108	1,588,900	3,634	721,086	864,180
Job Trng & Plcmnt Act	6,948	0	0	0	0
Job Trng & Plcmnt Act	300,763	427,320	2,833	267,876	156,611
Family Violence Prevention	141	0	0	0	0
Admin on Aging 89	57	0	0	0	0
HHS Head Start 90	180,440	179,502	0	162,163	17,339
Admin on Aging	33,663	77,268	34	34,111	43,123
Com.Ser.Block Grant	1,193	2,390	0	1,310	1,080
L.I.H.E.A.P.	1,536	1,794	0	1,385	409
Child Serv. Title IV-B	5,639	1,597	0	1,371	226
Homeless Assist. Act '90	3,530	425	0	389	36
Family Violence Prev.	2,930	11,856	0	1,481	10,375
Adolescent Sub Abuse	0	28,009	0	0	28,009
HHS Head Start 91	158,746	572,896	10,206	181,372	381,318
Admin on Aging 91	0	84,768	0	3,633	81,135
Com.Dev.Block Grant '91	2,875	15,459	0	9,017	6,442
L.I.H.E.A.P. 91	46,213	58,137	0	47,113	11,024
Title IV-B Child Serv	19,940	55,743	836	21,841	33,066
Com.Dev.Block Grant '87	5,170	5,171	0	5,171	0
Com.Dev.Block Grant '88	208,509	219,444	20,600	198,690	154
Com.Dev.Block Grant '90	64,613	440,000	19,759	72,335	347,906
Food Distribution 1991	123,670	247,339	6,516	147,810	93,013
OIAC - Energy Assistance	6,000	6,000	0	4,481	1,519
Admin On Aging USDA-reimb	10,928	41,900	2,380	34,458	5,062
Headstart USDA-Reimburse	16,398	28,241	2,400	25,240	601
Euf. Dorm-Activity Fund	3,865	43,760	1,862	3,177	38,721
BIA-Adult Education	45,658	41,064	0	38,159	2,905
BIA-Aid to Tribal Gov	7,585	19,360	0	18,148	1,212
BIA-Community Services	4,774	3,001	0	2,766	235
BIA-Higher Education	68,008	77,340	0	60,961	16,379
BIA-Natural Resource	106,972	91,400	128	91,272	0
BIA-Adult Vocat. Trng	110,490	94,498	0	90,105	4,393
BIA-Credit & Finance	30,028	23,540	708	7,904	14,928
BIA-Other Employ. Assistance	702	37	0	0	37
BIA-JOM Early Childhood	5,122	5,171	0	5,122	49
BIA-Agriculture	48,913	40,157	0	38,671	1,486
BIA-Social Services	47,325	39,313	0	38,782	531
BIA-Housing	73,942	58,957	660	49,994	8,303
BIA-Real Estate Appraisals	49,220	47,241	57	46,027	1,157
BIA-Water Resources	169	0	0	0	0
BIA-Eufaula Dorm (Maint)	4,152	203,477	20,328	157,235	25,914
BIA-Eufaula Dorm (Education)	40,399	143,899	800	88,951	54,148
BIA-Indian Child. Welfare	18,831	9,200	0	7,157	2,043
BIA-Adult Education	43,290	117,311	25	48,950	68,336
BIA-Aid to Tribal Gov	158,481	297,863	8,722	172,917	116,224
BIA-Community Services	59,303	109,353	149	64,901	44,303
BIA-Higher Education	355,923	616,943	1,616	377,269	238,058
BIA-Natural Resource	115,277	371,366	11,604	130,751	229,011
BIA-Adult Vocat. Trng	91,396	252,991	610	103,760	148,621
BIA-Employ. Assistance	11,456	18,767	0	13,125	5,642
BIA-JOM Early Childhood	12,545	17,257	0	14,243	3,014
BIA-Agriculture	30,693	159,574	2,110	35,950	121,514
BIA-Social Services	108,403	239,156	682	118,858	119,616
BIA-Housing	28,552	205,490	0	31,486	174,004
BIA-Real Estate Appraisals	20,712	104,180	1,986	14,915	87,279
BIA-Real Estate Service	62,443	143,277	374	68,867	74,036
Eufaula Dormitory	850,081	842,000	11,920	478,022	352,058
Outpatient Clinics	0	5,971	3,786	0	2,185
Com.Health Rep. 89	309,184	781,384	786	321,268	459,330
89 Outpatient Clinics	0	29,114	4,858	1,036	23,220
Development & Construction	3,155	25,000	0	3,973	21,027
Tribal-Property & Supply	24,612	58,000	7,674	12,973	37,353
Totals	7,352,501	14,377,570	207,662	7,420,140	6,749,768



## Trust

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action and voted against the bill.

Cox said the hall will generate more than \$100,000 a month to the tribal treasury and employ 60 people.

Muskogee District Rep. Helen Chupco said "The Muskogee people, Indians and non-Indians, are eager for the bingo hall to open."

"Our people want the jobs and the others want to play bingo."

Though Cox received consent for trust status, he did not receive approval for financing. The Chief is seeking approval for the gaming Operations Authority Board to negotiate a loan for \$1 million. Cox said the tribe is eligible for a \$250,000 Bureau of Indian Affairs economic development grant. The grant is contingent upon securing a loan.

The money will be used for construction costs. Cox said the total construction costs should not exceed \$1.2 million.

The loan authorization bill has remained in committee since the property had not been placed in trust.

Frye told the Chief he did not need Council approval to negotiate a \$1 million loan. Frye said the Council would have final approval on any loan.

Muskogee District Rep. Harley Little said he was appreciative of the Council's support for Muskogee bingo project.

"I hope we can go forward with this plan and prove we are concerned about our Indian people," Little said.

Cox said if the financing can be arranged in the next few weeks, the 1,000-seat bingo hall could be operational by September.

Approving the surface of Muskogee property placed in trust: Passed, as amended, 21 yes, 6 no, no abstentions.

### For the bill

Tommy Pickering; Muskogee, Helen Chupco, Harley Little; Okfuskee, Eugene Birdcreek, Mae Jackson, Clyde Johnson; Okmulgee, George Almerigi, Thomas Berryhill, Tony Hale, Charlie Litsey; Rogers-Mayes-Wagoner, Robert Berryhill, Helen Duncan; Tuckabatche, Johnson Buck, Robert Buck, Thomas Yahola; Tulsa, Larry Bible, Jerry Wilson

Against: Creek, Ed Frye; McIntosh, Sandy McIntosh, Tommy Newton; Okfuskee, Bill Fife; Tulsa, Irene Cleghorn, Donna Rhodes

Absent: Harvey Gilroy. Speaker Ken Childers did not vote.

## Towns

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lowed for tribal town representation on the National Council.

Until 1971, when the office of principal chief became determined by vote of Creek people, government-appointed principal chiefs maintained an advisory committee consisting of tribal town representation, Wilson said after the meeting.

With the adoption of the tribe's 1979 constitution it left tribal towns out there by themselves, he said. Wilson said the main intention of this bill is to establish a relationship between national Creek government and individual tribal towns.

Wilson said the tribal town members' response to the bill has been a willingness to work with the National Council. In its general meetings, the Confederacy has not yet endorsed the bill.

At the April meeting, tribal town members asked an announced candidate for Principal Chief his position on the bill.

"If I was in office I'd sign this bill today," Jackson Barnett of Okemah told the members.

## Council

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regardless of need. Litsey opposed the amendment, claiming the money was needed by families. Muskogee District Rep. Harley Little reported that two white spouses of Creek citizens applied for the grant after all of the burial expenses had been met.

"We need to eliminate the language (in the earlier bill) and make the grant based on need," Little said.

-- gave consent for land owned by Bertha Bear to be placed in trust. Bear, a Choctaw, was left a tract in northern Okmulgee County, by her husband, the late Freddie Bear.

Childers warned the Council about setting a precedent of allowing other tribes to have trust land within the Creek Nation;

-- approved a contract with Oklahoma City attorney Barry Benefield. Benefield will work with Indian Child Welfare cases.

Creek District Rep. Ed Frye objected to the contract. Frye said his committee reviewed the applications for a child welfare attorney when Marvin Stepson was hired.

Stepson never represented any cases during his brief employment with the Creek Nation.

Frye said the Benefield contract was retroactive to March 1 for work Benefield had done for the children and family services department. Frye said Benefield was working without Council approval.

## Housing

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all of whom were named to the board by National Council Speaker Ken Childers.

In January, the Council enacted NCA 91-05, a bill establishing the procedures for seating the commissioners after it was learned that the terms for the current commissioners had expired. confirmation.

The Council rejected the nominations of George Farris, Ned Hodge, Gary Hudgens, Jonas Partridge and Charles McHenry.

At the February Council meeting, Childers declared an override with 19 yes votes and one abstention.

After no move by Cox to submit other nominations, Childers nominated Burden, Hicks, Primeaux and Yocham. Those four received Council approval and Childers swore them into office March 28.

Burden and Primeaux are former Council representatives, Hicks is a former housing commissioner and Yocham is a former housing employee, terminated last summer.

Yocham filed a wrongful termination suit against the board and Sam Whitlow, executive director of CNHA.

On March 29, housing authority attorney Robert English, received a temporary injunction against the Council's commission until an April 2 show cause hearing.

English argued that the CNHA is a state agency created under the Oklahoma Housing Act (63 O.S. §1051) and that the appointment of new commissioners is a violation of state law since only a chief can appoint commissioners.

District Court Judge Anne Moroney agreed, ruling that the CNHA is indeed a state agency and continued the injunction.

Cox said he expected Moroney's decision.

Whitlow said the Department of Housing and Urban Development recognizes the seating of the current commissioners.

"The state has jurisdiction (of the CNHA)," Whitlow said. "If the Council is going to pursue this matter, they'll have to do so in state court."

"That's the way they (the administration) do it, and we continue to belly up," Frye said.

Little said Benefield is needed to prevent further abuses of Indian children.

"I don't question the budget, or the budget process," Little said. "(But) if we trash this attorney contract today, we might as well forget trying to help our kids."

Creek District Rep. Clarence Cloud attempted to amend the bill. Cloud wanted the Council to approve the cases the Children and Family Services department work.

The amendment failed.

Frye moved to have the contract reconsidered at its May session;

-- approved \$24,275 to supplement the 1991 Creek Festival and Rodeo.

Frye told the Council the Festival Committee had not submitted any funding requests in the 1991 comprehensive budget.

"There's no money at this time in the comprehensive budget for the festival," Frye said.

McIntosh District Rep. Tom Pickering said he did not want to appropriate funding for the Festival when tribal employees were laid off.

The bill was approved.

-- approved a resolution supporting Creek citizen David Wilde in his custody battle for his son Daniel.

## Moore

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Indians of Okmulgee.

He played all-Indian fastpitch softball for Riley Motors Co. of Okmulgee and minor league football for the Douglas Bombers in Tulsa.

After graduation, Moore received letters of interest from the Detroit Lions, New York Giants

"But I was already married (to the former Sallie Beaver of Okmulgee) and had a child," he said. "All they were offering was \$100 a game and you had to provide your own shoes. I decided not to do that. I decided to go on into the Bureau, which I had wanted to do all along."

Moore took his first teaching and coaching job back at Chilocco in 1941. Although he held other coaching jobs at Fort Thompson High School in Crow Creek, S.D., and at Sequoyah in Tahlequah, Moore never really concentrated on the profession.

"In administration I feel you serve more kids than coaching or teaching," he said.

Moore served in World War II for the U.S. Army from May 1944 to June 1946, entering as a private and being discharged as a captain.

After the war, he transferred to Sequoyah as a teacher and eventually was named principal and later superintendent. From there he moved to the BIA as assistant director of education in 1973.

He has lived in the Davis Field airport area six miles south of here since 1973. He does beadwork, raises a colt, plays golf occasionally and looks after his wife, whose vision is suffering.

During football season he stays busy by watching his sons' games. Ed Jr. is the assistant coach at Central High School in Tulsa. William "Buddy" has been head coach at Cushing for 16 years. David Moore is the head coach at Nathan Hale High School in Tulsa.

Moore offers this advice to promising young students.

"You've got to work at it and make some sacrifices, give up a few things. You have to set goals and do whatever it takes to reach them. And you have to be willing to work."



## Mothers

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edicts the disciplining of children to be the responsibility of the mother or "clan uncle."

Melissa Long Deere, 79, recalls a time when it was acceptable for relatives and friends to discipline or correct each other's children.

"Whenever you did something wrong, them old people would shake their head at you or they'd frown at you and you stopped right there. But people are touchy about their kids now-a-days," said Melissa. She advises Salt Creek Methodist Church members to discipline Tenetke, her 10-year-old great-grandson, while in their charge.

Sarah Coker Hicks, 90, agrees with Melissa.

"Kids are so hard headed and I sit and watch them and wonder why their parents don't make them mind. They just scream and yell and I don't like it; it's not good," Sarah said through an interpreter.

"Kids are being raised without discipline, but I can't say anything because they don't understand what I'm saying to them," Sarah said.

Sarah said she used a Willow limb on her children when they disobeyed. She used this particular type of branch because of its limberness, she said.

"When you whipped it on a child's leg it just about wraps around their leg and they remember it," she said. "If a man uses a belt off his pants or a razor strap it will make them (children) just get more mean and they won't obey."

Stella Pierce Roberts believes sending children to babysitters and daycare centers have contributed to undisciplined behavior among children.

"Kids grow up without knowing who is really supposed to tell them what to do. They are bossed by the babysitter, grandparents and mother," said Stella, who never left any of her eight children with a babysitter.

"They (parents) don't have time for their children, looks like. They don't see a lot of things they should see when their children are small; the babysitters or daycares get to see it," Stella said.

LouAnna Tom Barnett, 96, and Lucille Berryhill Bear, 65, feel that children have less responsibility and too much freedom today.

Jerri Kinsey, LouAnna's daughter, said as children she and her eight brothers and sisters had to perform such chores as cleaning house, cutting wood, feeding chickens, ironing and washing with a scrub board and tub. They also had to beat and grind corn and various other chores in preparation for fourth Sundays at Rock Creek Methodist Church.

"They (kids) have it too easy; they do what they want," LouAnna said, contending children have too much time on their hands today.



Lucille Bear

Lucille said her 14 children had chores from the time they started school until they left home. Daily chores such as cooking, doing laundry and housekeeping taught her girls as well as boys responsibility, she said.

Lucille said she allowed her children playtime or let them watch television only after chores were completed.

"But now it's (TV) on constantly. It hurts

them a lot because that's what they learn from," she said speaking of violence and sex on television.

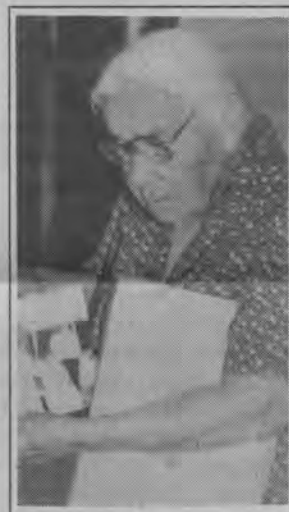
Sarah and her brothers and sisters were abandoned by their mother when she was around 10. My father, Waxie Hadjo Coker, taught me every-



Jerri Kinsey and her mother LouAnna Tom Barnett.



Stella Pierce Roberts.



Melissa Long Deere.

thing a woman should know; he taught me how to sew, cook and clean, she said. He even taught the little ones to cook; they couldn't reach the stove, but would stand on a box. Now kids don't know how to do anything. Now the men do the cooking and let the women stay in bed, she said.

Sarah, a Buckeye Baptist Church member, said there is a lack of respect among children as well as adults today.

"My father always taught me to obey older people and I have always taught my children that. During eating time children always waited until everyone else ate, but now you can't even find a seat because of the little ones," Sarah said.

Stella, a Nuyaka Baptist Church member, said "When I raised my children not one of them talked back to me and their daddy and there were not places for them to get into trouble. They stayed at home; they never had dances or ball-games. Church is the only place they went to."

Said LouAnna, "My kids stayed at home and never went to beer joints. Now they go out to these parties and some of them get killed."

Sarah said when a mother used to take her children to church or to visit, the children always cried to go home.

"Now they're always wanting to go and spend the night with other people. Young people want to go all the time and now young girls end up pregnant and don't know how to take care of their babies; it's real sad," she said.

Louanna and Lucille both agree that children

have to be watched more carefully than when their children were young.

Jerri said her mother would walk down the road looking for her and her brothers and sisters if they weren't home before dark.

"But then," said LouAnna, "they was alright. There was no mean people on the highway. Now they steal them and take them off and kill them and everything. You've sure got to watch kids."

Stella said she and her husband, the late Cainey Roberts, only spoke the Mvskoke language in their home. They always advised their children to speak their language to elder Mvskokes.

"If you see older people and you find out their Creek don't ever talk English to older people," Stella said she would say to her children.

Stella and her husband raised five of their grandchildren; four still reside at her home. She said her grandchildren understand Creek, although they don't speak it.

"It's a parent's fault for not teaching them (children) how to speak Creek," she said, blaming herself and her husband for not teaching their grandchildren.

Sarah said "Indians now forget about everything, even (Indian) food, except some know that. My children were raised eating squirrel and rabbit meat, now kids these days won't even eat it."

"One man said that there was one thing that we (Creeks) would lose and that's our God-giver language and we have," she said.

Sarah said her daughter, JoAnna Hill, is the only one of her six children that really can speak Creek.

Mvskoke people have many taboos and beliefs, in regard to pregnancy, that still exist today.

Traditionally, a female stayed in a house separate from her husband, as well as other people, for four months after giving birth.

Feeding the tongue of mockingbird to an infant will cause the child to be a mimic. Scratching a baby's feet with quail claws will make the child quick or scratches from lizard claws will make the child an agile climber. Feeding a baby from a bel will give a child a good voice.

Pregnant women are not supposed to stand in doorways, Melissa said, because it will delay their child's birth.

"If you see a deformed people you're not supposed to be looking at them or laughing at them because your baby might be like that."

"If you go to a funeral don't look at the body because the baby might be blind or deformed."

Jerri said looking at a dead person may cause a woman's baby to be stillborn.

Women who are pregnant or menstruating shouldn't be out in the woods, Melissa said.

Lisa Deere, Melissa's granddaughter, said when she was pregnant with her second child she and her son, Tenetke, went walking in the woods near her grandmother's house. And upon hearing coyote howl, Melissa beckoned them to get in the house.

"The coyotes knew she was pregnant and they don't like to be around women when they're like that," Melissa said.

Women are not supposed to be in the woods at these times because animals know when women are pregnant or "sick", LouAnna said.

"Snakes and animals would kill them."

Sarah said if a pregnant woman saw someone bleeding her child might easily faint. If the woman looked at someone who was having fits the child may be prone to seizures, she said.

Sarah said elders used to tell pregnant women not to eat chicken gizzards because they might die of thirst. They also told children not to eat chicken backbone because it would cause backaches.

Sarah, the mother of twins, said when her boy were born she wasn't producing enough milk and was told to give them cow milk. But her husband did not want them drinking cow milk because of the Mvskoke belief that it would make them hard headed and mean.



# Kv'co-hv'se (Blackberry Month) June

Net'tv-ca'ko SUNDAY	Mv'nte MONDAY	Tu'ste TUESDAY	Net'tvca'kuce-en nvrkvp'v WEDNESDAY	Rv'ste THURSDAY	Fli'te FRIDAY	Nettv-ca'ko-cu'se SATURDAY
Listed by date and time are chartered community meetings						1
2	3 Wetumka, 7 p.m. Kellyville, 7 p.m. Muskogee, 7:30 p.m. Yardeka, 7:30 p.m.	4 Tulsa, 6:30 p.m. Okla. City, 7 p.m. Okfuskee, 7 p.m.	5	6 Okemah, 7:30 p.m.	7	8
9	10 Hanna, 7 p.m. Okmulgee, 7 p.m. Sapulpa, 7 p.m.	11 Checotah, 6 p.m. Glenpool, 6:30 p.m.	12	13	14	15
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23/30 Creek Festival continues	24 Weleetka, 7 p.m.	25 Duck Creek, 7 p.m.	26	27 Eufaula, 7 p.m.	28	29 National Council, Okmulgee, 10 a.m.

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Dewar	Second and fourth Wednesday
Glenpool	First and third Wednesday
*Bristow	First and third Thursday
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## COVER STORY

# Festival '91 facing successful forecast

By TOMMY CUMMINGS  
MNN Managing Editor

**O** KMULGEE — Carney Roberts wants one thing definitely made clear about this year's Creek Festival and Rodeo scheduled June 21 through 23.

The \$1 security fee is subject to no exceptions. Festival goers from 5 to 60 years old must pay a \$1 charge at the Omniplex entrance.

"We need to make that known," said Roberts, chairman of the Creek Festival Committee.

If anything, the security fee should be a gauge to determine the success of this year's festival.

For the first time in eight years, the Creek Festival and the city of Okmulgee's Pecan Festival will be on different weekends.

The Pecan Festival is scheduled June 14-16 in downtown Okmulgee. In December, the Pecan Festival planned its three-day event for mid-June. The Creek Festival is required by ordinance to be on the third weekend of June.

In meetings past, some festival committee members contended the city and Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce have

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attempted to capitalize on Creek Festival's attendance. The committee was further irritated at having the Festival Parade moved from its downtown site to make room for the Pecan Festival's giant cookie.

But a chamber official downplays any animosity, contending the festivals complement each other.

"We think it's good for the city," said Shelly O'Mealy, Pecan Festival co-coordinator. "We hope they're both successful."

Roberts and O'Mealy agree the beneficiaries will be the merchants. They'll have thousands of customers in town.

"The businesses will have two different sets of customers so that should help them," Roberts said. "I know in the past, all the motels were full so people had to take their business to Henryetta or Glenpool."

One business that benefits greatly

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Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Creek Nation facilities worker Dean Williams marks the softball fields in preparation for Creek Festival '91.

## Council reverses on land trust decision

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

**O** KMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) National Council reconsidered its approval of placing in trust only the surface of a 26-acre site in Muskogee.

The land is the site for a proposed bingo hall. The decision was made at the tribal legislature's May session, countering its previous legislation.

Despite the Council's decision, Gaming Commissioner Tim Harper said on May 30 the Gaming Operations Authority Board will review architects' designs for the proposed 1,100-

seat facility in Muskogee.

Creek District Rep. Ed Frye moved to reconsider the bill after he voted for it last month. Frye said tribal administrators had failed to "take care of business" and get the title to the property's mineral rights.

The Council approved the purchase of the land at U.S. 69 and Peak Boulevard in Muskogee last year.

Principal Chief Claude Cox said no clear title to the mineral rights exists because the Council has not approved a tribal attorney who could work on clearing the title.

Marvin Stepson, a Norman attorney, was

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## Voter urged to update

**O** KMULGEE — Muscogee (Creek) Nation voters are asked to make their registrations current with the election board secretary to maintain eligibility for the 1991 tribal elections.

Tribal elections will be Oct. 26 (primary) and Dec. 7 (general). The offices of principal chief, second chief and the seats of the 29-member National Council will be contested in 1991.

Filing will be Sept. 16 through Sept. 18.

Creek Nation Election Board Secretary Juliene Stone is asking voters whose addresses have changed to make those changes known

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Guest commentary

## Speaker addresses housing commissioners controversy

By KEN CHILDERS

NATIONAL COUNCIL SPEAKER

For years, Creek citizens have deplored the actions of the Creek Nation Housing Authority. I believe at some time or another, every National Council member has received a complaint on the housing administration.

Council records show all of the CNHA commissioners' terms have expired; the last in 1991 and the first in 1986. (Clarence) Wilson, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development attorney, addressed members of the Council stating that the housing commissioners were not authorized for life and should be re-approved or new members approved. The Council brought the expiration issue to the attention of the Principal Chief (Claude Cox). He nominated the same people for commissioners. They were not approved by the Council. We informed the Principal Chief of this matter. We received no response.

The Council passed NCA 91-05 entitled Establishing the Procedure for Nominations and Approval for Housing Authority Commissioners, which stated that the Principal Chief had 10 days to submit new names or the Council Speaker would be authorized to make nominations for approval by the Council.

Chief vetoed this bill and the veto was later overridden. Chief did not make any nominations within the 10 days time-frame. Names submitted by the Speaker were confirmed by the Council.

CNHA attorney, (also Chief's appointee on the Gaming Operations Authority Board) filed in state district court an injunction against the commissioners seated under NCA 91-05, stating that the CNHA was a state corporation and any disputes pertaining to the Housing Authority should be settled in the state courts. Our Muscogee Nation Constitution provides a forum to decide tribal internal differences. The forum is Creek tribal courts. The state district court ruled the state courts have jurisdiction over CNHA matters.

September 1980, *The Muscogee Nation News* headline read, "Council Inactivity loses 125 Mutual Help Homes for Creeks." Now, 11 years later, we are told the Council has nothing to do with the Creek Nation Housing Authority.

It is my opinion this is an extremely gray issue. BIA tribal operations stated the housing authority building and Elderly Housing occupy Creek Nation Tribal Trust land and are under the authority of the Creek Nation government. (The) National Council contacted the Housing Authority Commissioners by letter concerning leases and requested information on housing authority building and elderly housing being on tribal land. Housing Authority chairperson suggested we contact the Creek Nation Realty Office for land lease agreements for the Housing Authority building but could not supply any information on the elderly housing project.

We all realize the controversies behind the workmanship and materials used in the construction of CNHA houses. The Council also has written to the Housing Authority commissioners pertaining to the building standards and codes and as to the inspection of the Mutual Help homes. To date, we are reviewing their response.

I believe this article is providing important information to you, the Creek citizens, to inform you of a major issue being addressed by the National Council. I also wish to take the opportunity to commend the National Council on (its) efforts to resolve these unpleasanties and to improve housing for our Creek people.

# Education matters:

## Tribe needs return investment from students

This past semester the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Higher Education Department provided assistance to nearly 1,000 people enrolled at some institute of higher learning.

The department, within the Division of Human Development, administers a Bureau of Indian Affairs program where the recipients' awards are based according to financial need.

The tribal program provides supplemental funding to students. It is not based on financial need.

The cost of a college education increases annually and there is very little doubt supplemental funding is needed. Very few would argue that the investment is worthwhile; especially for the individual. While the tribe does its part providing assistance to Creek students, there is not much return on the investment.

The higher education department, of course, maintains contact with the students receiving assistance while they are enrolled.

Though a privacy clause prevents the department from discussing the academic careers of those more successful students, they do say that a high percentage of participants eventually receive degrees.

It's unfortunate that nothing exists for the tribe to keep up with these recipients after they graduate.

Perhaps in the not-too-distant future, these recipients could give a few hours of community service to the tribe. That way, the tribe could reap some benefit from its investment ...



JIM WOLFE

MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS EDITOR

### Chief candidates well-educated

Education funding certainly will be an issue in this year's tribal elections.

One promising note about the four announced chief candidates is that they all have some higher education.

Current Second Chief Perry Beaver is the Indian Education Director in the Jenks School System, Jackson Barnett is an educator, Jimmy Hill has a master's degree and Ed Frye, the latest announced entry in the race, has earned college credits.

Obviously, these four people have maintained their Indian identity while getting an education. Getting an education is the only way Indians can compete in this non-Indian world ...

### Who's that tall yellow dance leader?

The Creek Nation Communications Department received a call recently from a research specialist for the Public Broadcasting System's long-running show, *Sesame Street*.

The caller wanted some information about the tribe; the customs, traditions, government and politics.

It has been a while since this writer watched an episode of *Sesame Street*, but the star of the series is Big Bird.

When discussing possible activities for the *Sesame Street* children, the caller asked about the possibility of Big Bird leading the friendship dance performed at ceremonial grounds.

Only if he can sing in rhythm...

If you don't know by now, the 1991 Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo is June 21-23 in Okmulgee. As mentioned earlier in this space, this year the Festival will not have to contend with Okmulgee's Pecan Festival.

If you plan to be in Okmulgee that weekend, do stop by and visit. If you make any purchases with local merchants, be sure and tell them your in town for the Creek Festival.



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Commentary

# Tulsa papers don't let up on this tribe

By TOMMY CUMMINGS  
MNN Managing Editor

Newspaper Printing Corp., the company that publishes the *Tulsa World* and *The Tulsa Tribune* and often-times shapes eastern Oklahoma opinion, had an editorial field day against the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Three times during May, the two newspapers' editorial boards took the tribe to task.

## Case No. 1

The *World* addressed Creek Nation's intervention into the adoption of an 18-month-old girl. Creek Nation's interest is in placing the child with an Indian family, in proper adherence to the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Consulting attorneys to the tribe stand behind the purpose of the Indian Child Welfare

Act, which is to "protect the best interest of Indian children and promote the stability and security of Indian tribes and families."

However, the *World's* report on the case focuses on the idea that the tribe is trying to turn a child over to a "convicted rapist."

A May 18 editorial questions "why the Creeks ever wanted to take a child from a loving, stable home and hand her over to a convicted rapist."

Court documents don't paint that kind of picture. Records show the Creek man (identified by the *World* as the convicted rapist) plea-bargained to a statutory rape charge (and therefore is not a convicted rapist.) Records also show the child's adoption has not yet been approved.

And it's not been determined if the current guardians of this child are Indian. The *World* has not reported this.

Regardless, a Pittsburg County district judge ruled in mid May that the child should remain with her current guardians. It's not known yet whether Creek Nation will appeal, but the *World's* incomplete coverage hasn't helped the tribe from a public relations standpoint.

## Case No. 2

A week later, the *World* addressed the sovereignty issue, particularly a tribal bill that calls for Creek Nation employees to pay income tax to the tribe rather than the state.

The *World's* first contention is "If Creek Indians are indeed citizens of a sovereign nation, why should any members pay income tax to Oklahoma?"

Apparently, the *World's* editorial board believes Indian tribes have some sort of concessions to make to the state of Oklahoma in order to achieve sovereignty.

The state already has the Oklahoma Indian's concession -- land.

In the editorial's conclusion, the *World's* editorial board applies rather twisted logic about sovereignty: "Maybe Tulsa County should seek admission to the Creek Nation. Then all the taxes collected by the state could be kept right here at home."

What that means is this metropolitan newspaper is advocating a massive tax shelter for Tulsa County. It would be inter-



esting to see someone try to put that kind of land transaction in trust.

## Case No. 3

And finally, *Tribune* editorial cartoonist Dave Simpson lampooned the sovereignty issue, particularly the state's frustration in collecting some taxes.

The cartoon, published May 22, shows a television crew interviewing Col. Custer. The newsman asks Custer, "And you say, you'll have no trouble collecting state taxes from the Creek Nation, is that right, Col. Custer?"

In the background stands a nervous cameraman with an arrow through his headset.

Apparently, Simpson's message is: It's going to take an accomplished Indian-fighter to collect taxes from a government whose sovereignty has been established by Congress.

The cartoon reeks with stereotypes.

If NPC insists on criticizing Indian economic development, it should stop lining its pockets -- and paying its editorial board -- with Indian bingo advertising dollars. That's speaking on both sides of your mouth.

As one tribal official put it, "They're bad that way."

## Letter to editor

# Instructor: Mvskoke culture presentation invokes appreciation

Dear Editor:

I teach anthropology at the University of North Texas and a month or so ago I was very honored to have Mr. David Lewis speak to my class on Mvskoke medicine. It was such a valuable experience for my students that I felt I would like to write the Mvskoke people about it. It is one thing to for me to tell my students about the wonderful variety and richness of religious traditions around the world, but it is quite another for them to get to experience someone from one such religious tradition so different from any of their own.

The students were thrilled with Mr. Lewis' presentation. In fact, I have never had students react so to a speaker and I have invited many speakers to my classes throughout the years.

These strange student reactions suggest to me that Mr. Lewis touched a cord with them. They regarded him and what he respects with great respect. For me, it was a thrill to see because while the students are studying world religion, I was able to bring a speaker on Indian medicine.

Native Americans can teach the rest of us Americans many lessons. The rest of us obviously need a lesson on how to love and respect nature. We need to learn we are a humble part of nature rather than a ruler and exploiter of it. Had we had this spiritual reverence for nature, the world might not be in such an environmental crisis.

We could also learn a great deal from the American Indian sense of community and of responsibility to others. The world really is one living system and we humans need to support each other in our efforts to live in peace and harmony. I always find it refreshing to be around Indians who seem to think the good life is helping others, not stacking up material wealth and competing against one's neighbors to enlarge one's ego.

Indians, whether Christians or traditionalists, are spiritual people. This realization has had profound meaning for me. Not everyone lives the stressed, empty existence of my city dwelling friends and myself. Traditional Indian spirituality is a rich, full world of beauty the likes of which most non-Indians have never experienced. I have been personally enriched and feel my students can be also by coming to learn the old ways.

(Lewis) was an excellent ambassador for the Mvskoke nation. Busy college students are preoccupied with the tests they must take and the parties they must attend. He made them stop, step back and think about many other important topics.

American Indian ways and the American Indian perspective are the vital living heritage of this land. As a non-Indian, I hope that heritage will always be alive in tribal homelands across our country. To lose it would be to lose a priceless treasure the likes of which we would never see again. The entire world would be poorer for such a loss. That is why I (wrote) this letter. I would like to thank the people of the Mvskoke Nation for being who they are and what they are and for sharing a little bit of it with some of us non-Indians.

Ann Jordan, PhD  
University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dave Lewis is a practicing Mvskoke medicine man from the Yardeka community. He visited the University of North Texas in late April.

## Correction

Inadvertently, the following people were omitted from the Muskogee property story ("Council OKs trust consent for bingo hall") appearing in the

May issue of *The Muscogee Nation News*. Omitted were the following representatives voting for the bill:

Creek District, Mose Cahwee, Clarence Cloud, Earl Wheeler; McIntosh District, Frank Kamp, Tommy Pickering.



# Three-day run features fun for everyone

By TOMMY CUMMINGS  
MNN Managing Editor

OKMULGEE -- Sports events, parades, arts and crafts, a reunion.

Creek Festival and Rodeo '91 will feature activities for young and old during its June 21-23 run. The 17th annual celebration is the tribe's official holiday.

"We're looking for a big turnout," said Carney Roberts, festival committee chairman.

The festival is top heavy with sports events.

The 24-men and 12-women fastpitch softball tournaments will draw crowds all three days at the Omnplex' softball fields.

The rodeo begins this year on Friday and concludes Saturday to accommodate the crowd. The Youth Olympics will be featured as the leadoff event at 8 a.m. Friday, this year at Harmon Stadium in Okmulgee.

Other tournaments include volleyball and horseshoes at the Omnplex grounds. The two-day golf tournament will be played at Fountainhead Resort. The two-day tennis tournament will be played at the City of Okmulgee's courts on the 1200 block of N. Okmulgee Street.

Last year, Navajo cowboys from New Mexico rode off after winning four of seven events at the rodeo. Ron Qualls and Jennifer Wilson won open singles divisions in the tennis tournament. Craig Robinson won the golf tournament.

There were repeat winners in softball: Haskell (Junior College) Indians; volleyball: Tulsa's Side Out; and Youth Olympics: Chickasaw Nation.

Arts and crafts booths and other vendors also will be available throughout the festival.

In conjunction with the festival, the Euchee Mission Boarding School's annual reunion will be at Creek Nation's Okmulgee Bingo.

The festival committee has been meeting on a regular basis to coordinate activities. Committee members include Roberts, Donna Franks, Bob Arrington and Jimmy Hill.



File photo

Creek Festival's Youth Olympics will switch sites this year, going from the Omnplex's rodeo arena to Harmon Stadium in Okmulgee. The two-time defending champion is Chickasaw Nation.

## Events calendar

### Friday morning

8: Youth Olympics, Harmon Stadium.

### Friday afternoon

Noon-4: Golf tournament registration, Fountainhead Resort.

1: Golf qualifying rounds open, Fountainhead Resort.

7: Softball tournaments begin, Omnplex softball fields.

8: Rodeo begins, Omnplex rodeo grounds.

### Saturday morning

8: Softball tournaments resume, Omnplex softball fields.

8: Tennis tournaments begin, Okmulgee City Courts, 1400 N. Okmulgee St.

8: Golf tournament begins, Fountainhead Resort.

9: Volleyball tournament starts, Omnplex volleyball field.

### Saturday evening

Noon: Euchee Mission Reunion, Creek Nation's Okmulgee Bingo.

1: Little Olympics, west of rodeo arena.

2: Parade, west of rodeo arena.

8: Rodeo continues, Omnplex rodeo grounds.

### Sunday morning

8: Golf tournament begins, Fountainhead Resort.

8: Softball tournaments resume, Omnplex softball fields.

8: Tennis tournaments resume, Okmulgee City Courts.

## Events

**Rodeo:** Books open June 11, 2 to 10 p.m. Contact Katy Williams at (501) 289-4261. Entry fee: \$60 for each events, except the 50 and over calf roping; \$10 for junior events. Events: saddle bronc riding, bareback bronc riding, bull riding, barrel racing, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping and 50-and-over calf roping. Purses: \$1,200 to all event winners except calf roping where \$200 will be paid to contestants aged 50 and over.

**Softball:** Entries closed June 3. Brackets

## Little Olympics

The Creek Nation Little Olympics for infants through five years will be June 22 on the west side of the rodeo arena at the Omnplex. Children will compete in foot races, long jump, ball toss, ball kick and a diaper derby. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded. Competition will begin at 1 p.m.

## Health booth available

The Creek Nation Health System will have a booth at the Creek Festival and Rodeo '91. Representatives from the health system will be present to test individual blood pressure, blood sugar and provide cholesterol screening as well as answer any health-related questions. The health booth will be operated June 21 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on June 23 from 2 to 6 p.m.

available by calling (918) 756-8700, Ext. 277.

**Volleyball:** Entries closed June 3. Brackets available by calling (918) 756-8700, Ext. 277.

**Golf:** Registration will be from noon to 4 p.m. June 21 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 22. 18-hole qualifying round play opens 1 p.m. June 21 and 11 a.m. June 22. Flights: Men's championship, A, B and C; men's senior championship and A; women's championship and A (subject to change based on number and age of entrants). Awards: Cash prizes and trophies in each flight, longest drive and closest to the hole contests. Call Ricky Kelly at (918) 756-8700, Ext. 253; Fountainhead Pro Shot at (918) 689-3209; Fountainhead Lodge (918) 689-9173; or the La-Donna Motel (918) 473-2376.

**Tennis:** Registration taken June 22, 8 a.m. Entry fee: \$6 per player, \$12 per doubles team. Divisions: Men's open, women's open, men's open doubles, women's open doubles, men's 35 singles, women's 35 singles, men's intermediate singles, women's intermediate singles, men's intermediate doubles, women's intermediate doubles, women's 35 doubles, mixed doubles.



Photo submission

Lori L. McKinney, 16, of Wetumka was named 1991-92 Creek Nation Rodeo Queen. Lori is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave McKinney. Lori will appear at both performances of Creek Rodeo '91 and represent the tribe at various rodeos and parades throughout the year.



# Council OKs, Chief vetoes income tax bill

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved an income tax bill that tribal employees would pay in lieu of Oklahoma income tax at its May session.

The 29-member tribal legislature's action follows a U.S. District Court decision exempting tribal citizens employed by a tribe from paying state income tax.

The bill, authored by McIntosh District Rep.

Frank Kamp, would require Creek Nation employees to pay a tribal income tax. The bill also authorizes the tribal administration to seek refunds for taxes already paid to the state. The revenue would be restricted for education and social services programs.

Principal Chief Claude Cox vetoed the bill on May 29. Cox had five objections to the bill including:

- implementation of a tribal income tax is premature;
- no tax system exists to administer a tribal

income tax;

- collection of individual income tax from Oklahoma is unacceptable;
- the proposed income tax does not include tribal officials; and
- the legislation over-taxes non-tribal employees.

Kamp said he is disappointed with the veto. "I saw (the tax bill) as a way to generate revenue for the tribe without any capital expendi-

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## Councilman says he'll make run for office of chief

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

BRISTOW -- Creek District Rep. Ed Frye announced his candidacy for principal chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Frye, a two-term National Council representative from Bristow, chairs the Council's business and governmental services committee.

press material, Frye said he will restructure tribal administration and "gear it to work for Creeks citizens."

Frye said his basic platform is:

- to recognize tribal towns and leaders and work for the preservation of Creek culture;
- establishing a budget process that is efficient and beneficial and provide a management tool for administrators and the National Council;
- filling the attorney general position and placing the justice office under its auspices;
- establishing codes for tribal law enforcement,

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### In Brief

#### Election Board announces three precinct changes

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation election board announces three precinct changes have been made for the 1991 tribal elections. Those changes affect the Tulsa, Creek and McIntosh districts.

The new polling places will be the Glenpool Indian Community Center at 13839 South Casper, Glenpool; the Hanna Indian Community Center 1.25 miles east of Hanna at the end of Oklahoma Highway 52; and at the Sapulpa Indian Community Office at 1030 East Taft, Suite 110 in the Creek Hills Mall.

Every voter in the affected precincts were notified of the changes by mail.

Election Board Secretary Juliene Stone said those voters who did not receive a notice from the board must contact the Election Board office and update their addresses and voters card.

"Failure to do this could possibly make you ineligible to vote in future elections," Stone said in a prepared release. Contact the Election Board at P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447 or by phone at (918) 756-8700, Ext. 222.

#### Task force seeking suggestions, community workshop planned

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Community Development and Social Services Task Force is in need of input and suggestions from chartered Creek Indian communities. Task Force Chairman Willie Adams said the task force will begin planning a workshop for chartered communities as soon as it obtains



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

The Mvskokullke Etwla's tribal town center was named in honor of Toney E. Hill at a dedication ceremony during the group's May session. Hill is the confederacy's current chairman and Greenleaf Ceremonial Ground Mekko.

enough community input to develop a workshop format.

Communities may call and send in their workshop suggestions to Steve Landsberry, task force coordinator, at (918) 756-8700, Ext. 294 and write Creek Nation, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447, Attn: Steve Landsberry.

#### Economic development office compiling directory of artists

OKMULGEE -- Woody Anderson, coordinator of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's economic development office, is compiling a directory of Creek artisans. The directory will list any artist and the product each creates. Anyone wanting to be included in the directory should contact Anderson at (918) 756-8700, Ext. 301.

## Health board chair announces second chief candidacy

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

TULSA -- Shelly Stubbs Crow, chairperson of the tribe's Hospital and Clinics Board, announced her candidacy for second chief.

Crow, a registered nurse, originally is from Henryetta. She is the daughter of Doretha Beaver Stubbs-Vincent and the late E.W. Stubbs. Crow is of the Raccoon Clan and from Tuckabatche tribal town.

Crow, 43, is a community health education nursing instructor at the University of Tulsa. She has received an associate's degree from Tulsa Junior College; a bachelor of science from Northeastern State University, Tahlequah; and a masters degree from the University of Oklahoma.

While matriculating, Crow was a full-time nurse.



making quality health care accessible to people is a priority.

Crow said Indian Health Service can not meet

She received the American Indian Academic Award for being class valedictorian in 1989.

According to her candidacy statement, Crow said education will continue to be a priority and she will help Indians obtain educational and vocational training benefits.

Crow said her experience as chair of the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board has allowed her to understand that

all of the tribe's health care needs. Noting her previous successful attempts to secure outside funding, Crow said she will continue to seek additional funding to assure the health care needs are met and that the dollars are expended in the most efficient manner.

Crow also is chairperson of the Tulsa Creek Indian Community.

"I enjoy working very much with people on issues that concern our people," Crow's statement reads. "Health care and education are very important, but economic development is also a priority."

"We have come a long way with bingo and its revenue. It is very important for the future of our people that economic development provide not only jobs, but also health care and retirement

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## Housing authority to build new units in '92, official says

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

OKMULGEE -- Construction on 25 new mutual help homes should begin by the first of next year, a Creek Nation Housing Authority official confirmed.

At its May session, the authority's board of commissioners discussed a resolution allowing CNHA Executive Director Sam Whitlow to submit a budget to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the new homes.

HUD already has granted the housing authority funds for the units, although the housing authority must submit HUD a preliminary budget before construction may begin.

After the meeting, CNHA Deputy Director Ron Scott said construction should begin by the first of next year.

The board also discussed a resolution authorizing Whitlow to submit HUD an application for 20 new housing units.

The housing authority will not receive notification, in regard to the units, until nine months, Scott said after the meeting.

A resolution authorizing Whitlow to comply with criteria in support of the HUD applications for the 20 new units also was discussed. An example of the criteria that must be met is certifying the work site to be drug free.

Advertising for contractors for the 20 new units of construction was announced in the development report. The housing authority will advertise from June 1 to mid-July, Scott said.

As of early May, Scott said the housing authority reported low rent apartments are showing a 33-percent delinquency rate. In old mutual help homes, delinquency is at 41 percent. In new homes, the rate is 50 percent.

"The figures can be deceiving because some people make back payments in lump sum and get caught up," Scott said.

In other business, the board discussed a resolution allowing the housing authority to dispose of defective refrigerators located at low-rent projects.

## Poster contest deadline nears

OKMULGEE -- Deadline for Creek Nation Housing Authority's poster contest will be June 25.

Contest entries should illustrate fire safety themes for children living in mutual help homes. Prizes will be awarded to first-through third-place entries.

The contest is limited to children who are or will be in kindergarten through the eighth grade.

All entries must be original art created by the child using crayons, markers or brush paint. Entries should not be larger than 12 by 18 inches.

All entries will be judged by presenting a message that is clear and important, colorful and incorporate an Indian or Alaska native theme.

Contest judges will be CNHA board of commissioners. The winners' work will be submitted for regional competition and possibly to the National Amerind Risk Management Corporation competition during its yearly convention.

Entry forms are available from the CNHA office or by calling Beverly Chancey at (918) 756-8504.

Children or grandchildren of housing authority employees are ineligible.

## Awards go to health care employees



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Creek Nation Indian Health Care System employees were awarded for their service at a ceremony in Okemah on May 15. Present were health-care system employees from Okemah, Eufaula, Sapulpa and Okmulgee. Among the employees given awards (front row, left to right): Paula Logan, medical records; Flora Jackson, contract health; Elzona Curtis, lab; Gale Smith, behavioral health; Charlena Dunlap, Okemah clinic administrative secretary; (back row) Rita Williams, employee of month committee; Terri Wiles, Eufaula dental clinic assistant; Sonja Ward, administration; Dorothy Fixico, community hospital dietary; Anna Crawford, hospital assistant housekeeper; Shelly Crow, board member; Leslie Bransel, Sapulpa clinic chief of pharmacy; Jack Belcher, Eufaula clinic employee of the month; Gina Latta, Eufaula clinic medical records and insurance clerk; Geneva Harris, Okemah clinic coordinator; Helen Coon, board member; Sheldon Frank, hospital x-ray. Belcher and Harris are retiring this year.

## Reunions

### National Chilocco Alumni

TULSA -- This month more than 1000 Indians from throughout the nation will reunite and reminisce over boarding school memories at the National Chilocco Alumni Association Reunion.

Over the 96-year period the school was opened, 268 different tribes and Alaska natives attended the school, said Victor Childers, northeast district alumni member.

Childers anticipates more than 1,200 alumni and guests to attend the June 13-15 reunion at the Marriott Hotel, 41st and Garnett.

At 5 p.m., June 13 a gazebo get-together is scheduled at the hotel.

Registration for the two-day reunion will begin at 8 a.m., June 14. A four-man scramble golf tournament will be played at LaFortune Park at 9:30 a.m. Teams are limited; registration and the \$50 fee must be turned in by June 8. The fee covers green fees, golfcart and the purchase of tournament awards. An alibi bowling tournament will begin at 10 a.m. at the Tiffany Bowl. For more information call Jo Hummingbird, Tulsa Creek Indian Community secretary, at (918) 749-6260.

A pow wow will be at 5:30 p.m. in the main ballroom and an arts and crafts show will also be scheduled.

At 7:30 a.m., June 15, a Thunderbird Breakfast in honor of all war veterans will be served by the Chilocco Alumni Association's 279th Company C 45th Division Chapter. From 10 a.m. until noon the association's general business session is scheduled.

A banquet is planned for 7 p.m. where various achievement awards will be given to outstanding alumni. A dance will follow the banquet with the

favorite big band hits of Chilocco alumni being played. Banquet tickets are \$17.50; dance tickets \$12.50.

At 8:30 a.m., June 16 the executive business committee meeting is scheduled.

Special room rates are \$49. Call 1-800-228-9290 or (918) 627-5000 to reserve rooms. Alumni should affiliate themselves with the reunion when reserving rooms.

For more information call Lucille Griffin Shapley at (918) 456-8202, Ralph Keen, (918) 456-9951 or Bill Tyndall (918) 682-6750. Write: Chilocco National Reunion, P.O. Box 440, Tahlequah, OK 74465-0440.

### McCombs family

EUFULA -- The annual McCombs family reunion will be July 6 at the Eufaula Creek Community Center, First and High streets. Fellowship will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by a covered dish dinner at noon. Descendants of the Rev. William McCombs are requested to bring old photos, stories and genealogical documents to share with relatives and friends.

### Robinson family

OKEMAH -- The Robinson family's annual reunion will be July 6 at the Thlopthlocco Tribal Center, beginning at 10 a.m. A pot luck dinner will be served. Family members are asked to bring a covered dish. Call Cindy Yahola at (918) 455-9146.

### Francis family

EUFULA -- The Francis family reunion will be July 13 at Artussee Baptist Church. Family members are asked to bring a covered dish and a dessert. Any contributions will be welcome. Contact Anna King at (918) 437-5953 or Rose Mary Sulphur at (816) 358-2576. Food and volleyball available.



# Movie role catches Creek by surprise

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

**S**HAWNEE -- Not expecting to receive a role in the remake of the movie "The Last of the Mohicans" Timothy Barnett showed up for a recent casting call at the Potawatomi Tribal Complex.

Six days later, Assistant Location Casting Director Anne Wyatt of Forward Pass Productions, Inc., in Los Angeles called Barnett telling him he had been chosen for one of the top warrior roles and to be on location by the end of May.

"I was kind of shocked for a little bit. It was a few hours before I realized what it meant," said Barnett, a full-blood of Mvskoke-Cherokee-Pueblo descent.

"I just went down there (to the casting call) so when the movie came out I could say I tried out for it; but I never expected anything like this."

The Shawnee casting call was one of five conducted in a statewide search for around 400 Native American extras, said Nancy Segler, assistant location casting director.

Creek Nation Communications hosted one of the casting calls on May 13.

At least 20 casting calls were conducted throughout the nation; the Oklahoma casting calls among the last, Segler said.

Barnett said the assistant location casting directors didn't act particularly interested in him at the casting call.

"They were pretty much 'don't call us we'll call you.' About six days later they called me back," said Barnett, 25.

Barnett's father, Jackson Barnett, an announced candidate for Muscogee (Creek) Principal Chief, made him aware of the casting call and encouraged him to go.

"He was really happy; he was telling everybody. Everybody was talking about it where he works," Barnett said of his dad's reaction.

Segler said they weren't looking for Indians with stoic or stereotypical Hollywood Indian features, but a variety of characteristics.

"I looked for several different types of facial characteristics, because the movie involves six different tribes. We want them to be separated by more than just costumes and paint," she said.

Barnett's brother also responded to the casting call.

"I was wondering why they didn't pick my brother, because we look just alike except he's thinner, but they said they were looking for handsome guys who looked like they are in shape."

The extras will portray warriors, so the men selected are young and in good physical condition, Segler said.

Barnett, a roofer and welder by trade, has no acting experience and is nervous about the movie. He isn't sure about his speaking lines yet, but will be seen throughout the duration of the movie.

He will be on film location in Ashville, N.C., through September and will be paid \$65 per day. The first week will be spent learning how to shoot musket guns and ride horses.

He said he will work five days per week and eventually increase to seven.

"I was told my working attire probably will be next to nothing," said Barnett, a Creek citizen.

Barnett expressed most concern about cutting his hair to portray a Huron warrior.

"They're only paying me \$100 to cut my hair. Man, I've had long hair all my life. I'll probably be hiding for a few months to let it grow out a little bit."

Barnett's mother is Peggy Serracino Barnett, of Long Beach, Calif.



Photo submission

Tim Barnett's biggest concern about his role as a Huron warrior is cutting his shoulder-length hair.

## State hall of fame to induct Reynolds

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Allie Reynolds will be among six people inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in November, the Oklahoma Heritage Association announced.



Reynolds, 74, is a Bethany native now living in Oklahoma City. He serves on the Creek Nation Gaming Operations Authority Board.

Reynolds was a pitcher with Major League Baseball's Cleveland Indians and New York Yankees between 1942

and 1954 and was inducted into the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame in 1986.

He has served as an officer of several organizations, including national chairman of the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association, state sports chairman of the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign, president of the American Indian Hall of Fame and the Center of the American Indian, director of the Oklahoma Football Foundation and president of the Red Earth Business alliance.

The induction ceremony will be Nov. 16 at the Civic Center Music Hall.

## Fathers: Elders losing respect

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

When it comes to disciplining children elder Mvskoke mothers and fathers agree on one thing.

Many Creek children today aren't being raised with respect for elders. Youth lack the values previous generations of Mvskoke parents have instilled in their young.

Traditionally, Mvskoke children belonged to their mother. Their discipline and upbringing was the responsibility of the mother and maternal or clan uncles.

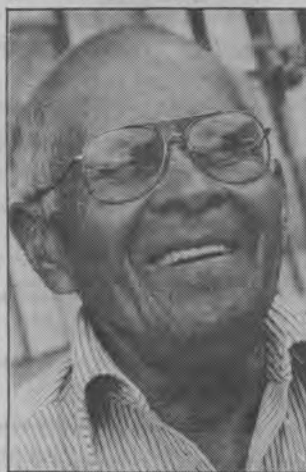
Because of the matrilineal nature of Mvskoke people, Mvskoke fathers did not have disciplinary responsibilities in regard to his children. Despite clanship ties, fathers still took interest in their children's activities.

With assimilation, clan importance slowly diminished and fathers took more active roles in their children's upbringing. As Father's Day nears (June 16), it's important to remember this.

Thomas (Tom) Berryhill Sr., 78, said he was raised with a switch. When he disobeyed, his father, Joseph Berryhill, was on hand with his switch. Tom raised his children accordingly and, unlike most parents, wasn't afraid to tell his grown children they needed to discipline their children more.

"When they'd come to my house I would tell them they (children) needed training," he said adding his children would sometimes get mad.

Joe Smith, 71, said he believes parents lay a pattern for their children to follow; if you are raised with discipline and values you will instill the same principles in your children.



Tom Berryhill Sr.

Tom said his father never offered him childrearing advice. Like Joe, he raised his children as his parents raised him.

"We learned from him, the way that he raised us. He didn't have to give me advice; I raised my children like I was raised," Tom said.

Tom's granddaughter, Elise Berryhill Paapke, said she still carries the values taught to her from her grandfather's teachings.

"He had a lot of time and patience from many years of experience and raising his own kids. He was always teaching us (grandchildren) and the values that I have now are because of him."

Joe, the father of five, said his parents never had to whip him and he never had to whip his own children.

"I obeyed her (his mother) and never said no

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# Legislative Overview

How They Voted	NCA 91-30 Reconsider veto of agribusiness board bill. Override failed: 16 yes, 7 no.	NCA 91-31 Reconsider veto of transfer of funds to ag-business. Override failed: 16, yes, 7 no.	NCA 91-06 Reconsider Rust approval for Muskogee surface. Not to approve Passed: 10 yes, 9 no, 3 abstain.	NCA 91-40 Reconsider Benefield attorney contract. Not to approve. Passed: 11 yes, 9 no 1 abstain.	NCA 91-41 Reconsider attorney contract. Not to approve. Passed: 11 yes, 9 no 1 abstain.
George Almerigi, Okmulgee	No	No	No	No	No
Richard Berryhill, Wagoner	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Larry Bible, Tulsa	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Eugene Birdcreek, Okfuskee	No	No	No	No	No
Johnson Buck, Tuckabatche	No	No	No	No	No
Robert Buck, Tuckabatche	No	No	No	No	No
Mose Cahwee, Creek	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Ken Childers, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Did not vote	Did not vote	Did not vote
Helen Chupco, Muskogee	No	No	No	No	No
Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Clarence Cloud, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Helen Duncan, Wagoner	No	No	No	No	No
Bill Fife, Okfuskee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ed Frye, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Tony Hale, Okmulgee	No	No	No	No	No
Mae Jackson, Okfuskee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Frank Kamp, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Charlie Litsey, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Harley Little, Muskogee	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tommy Newton, McIntosh	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Tom Pickering, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Did not vote	Did not vote
Donna Rhodes, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Earl Wheeler, Creek	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Jerry Wilson, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Thomas Yahola, Tuckabatche	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



<b>R 91-01</b> Resolution opposing development of any Ground Passed: 21 no, 1 abstain.	<b>NCA 91-38</b> A bill establishing a tribal income tax. Passed: 12 yes, 10 no.	<b>NCA 91-36</b> Repealing Stepson's attorney contract. Passed: 18 yes, 3 no.	<b>NCA 91-44</b> Authorizing commu- nities to apply for grants. Passed: 15 yes, 2 no, 2 abstain.	<b>NCA 91-43</b> Supplementing the tribal incentive grant program. Passed: 20 yes, 0 no.	<b>NCA 91-49</b> Approving funding for D. Wilde's at- torney's fees. Passed: 13 yes, 7 no, 1 abstain.
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## Hanna

Hanna Indian Community will host a volleyball tournament with proceeds funding the community's Youth Olympics team. The tournament will begin at 9 a.m. on June 8. The coed tournament is limited to 10 eight-member teams. The \$30 entry fee deadline is June 5. Finalists will receive T-shirts. Third place will receive a team trophy.

## Glenpool

Glenpool Creek Indian Community is scheduling a powwow, Indian car contest and various other heritage contributions to the city of Glenpool's Black Gold Celebration. On May 31, a fish scramble, softball pitch contest and horseshoe tournament will be available for children and adults. On June 1, a powwow will be in the community's activity center beginning at 2 p.m. with gourd dancing (Oklahoma Intertribal Indian Association). The parade-in will be at 7 p.m. Head lady dancer will be Misty Dawn Wind, Creek-Seminole-Cherokee-Kiowa; and head man dancer will be Mike Gabbard, Delaware. Jake Chanate, Kiowa, will be the emcee. The intertribal drum is Drumbusters and arena director is Rusty Tiger, Yuchi-Pawnee. An Indian car contest is scheduled at the center for 3 p.m., June 1. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded. Artists and craftspeople interested in setting up outside booths may call Chiquita Smith, chairperson of the community's fundraising committee, at center numbers, 291-5300 or 291-5308.

-- Beginning June 3, Wing Chun Kung Fu classes will be conducted at the center from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Saturdays. Classes cost \$25 a month and are taught by Bart Kelly. Individuals 14 and over may take the classes. For more information call the center.

-- New community employees are Roman Haynes, security guard; Richard Connors, receptionist; and Herald Clark, temporary clerk.

## Tulsa

Tulsa Creek Indian Community will relocate its office headquarters to 6363 East 31st effective June 1. Victor Childers, community treasurer, said it was a financial-saving move. The center location is in the vicinity of 31st and Sheridan streets. Regular meetings will continue at Turner Community Center.

-- Childers reported the community board of directors are concerned with revising its emergency assistance guidelines because they feel there have been duplications in awarding applicants. Childers said the board will be working closely with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation social services department as well as other Indian communities.

-- Penny Betsillie, former vice-chairperson resigned in March. Boardmembers will be accepting nominations at its 6:30 p.m. June 4 meeting.

-- The community will open a concession stand on the Omniplex grounds during Creek Festival and Rodeo '91.

## Duck Creek

Duck Creek Indian Community plans to use its \$50,000 community development block grant for the purchase of land and to build a center, said Nancy Jo Harry, vice-chairperson.

-- Harry also reported the community had four Mvskoke students graduate from Liberty Mounds High School.

## Okfuskee

Farron and Irene Culley, Youth Olympics coaches for Okfuskee Indian Community, are seeking youths to participate on the community's team.

## Checotah Creeks computerize Checotah School



Photo submission

Jana Henson, Johnson-O'Malley coordinator (second from left) receives a grant for a computer and printer from the Checotah Creek Community's Lucille Courtwright. Flanking Henson and Courtwright are community members Sue Harper and Hanna July. The community awarded the grant request made by the Checotah Public Schools Indian Education Department. Courtwright, Checotah Creek Community treasurer, said her organization helps its youth in numerous ways -- sponsorship of little league teams, scholarships for college-bound youth and assistance with utilities.

## Dewar

Dewar Indian Community will host a garage and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 8. The center's address is 402 Luella Street, one block east and two blocks north of the U.S. Post Office on Oklahoma 266 highway.

-- Bingo games exclusively for community elders are played at 10:30 p.m. on the last Friday of every month.

-- New smokeshop hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

## Beggs

Beggs Indian Community will meet at 7 p.m. June 10. The community normally meets at the Beggs Elementary School cafeteria, but will meet elsewhere because of renovation to the cafeteria. Call Evelyn Parker at 756-8700, Ext. 206 for the meeting location.

## Wetumka

Wetumka Indian Community had seven Mvskoke seniors graduate from Wetumka High School last month. Community members wished the seniors the best. The seniors are Jimmy Wayne Basquez, whose parents are Mary and Jimmy Basquez; Billy Daniel Fields, son of Woodrow and Lola Fields; Melanie Larissa Hicks, daughter of Frances Tiger and Melvin Hicks; Utah Lee Johnson, son of Drew and Mary Johnson; Link Timothy Leftwich, son of Troy and Brenda Leftwich; Gabriel Yvonne Post oak, daughter of Eugene and Mary Post oak; and Samantha Ann Wright, daughter of Kathy Wright and niece of Eddie and Debbie Wright.

-- Community elders recently attended the 10th anniversary dinner of the Creek Nation Elderly Nutrition Program. Elders Virginia Barnett, Nell Kincade and Myrl Newport all won door prizes.

## Okmulgee

All Okmulgee Indian Community mothers were

honored at the last month's meeting. Mattie Thomas was awarded for being the eldest mother present; Etta Checotah received an award for having the most children and Dinah Mitchell received an award for being the youngest mother. They all received pottery.

-- A reception was given for the community's graduating seniors and their families. Eight out of 27 Creek Okmulgee High School seniors attended and were presented with a certificate and \$20.

-- Winning the community's two monthly drawings of \$25 were Rhiannon Ball and Mattie Thomas.

## Holdenville

Holdenville Indian Community is rounding up a domino club, although it's no game for novices, said Fred Lowe, community chairman. The community would like to hear from other Indian community domino players. "We can't even get them over here; they're too scared to play us," said Lowe of Wetumka Indian Community, which is known for its domino tournament champions. Other communities that would like to challenge the community may call Lowe at (405) 379-2090.

-- The community is helping fund four Mvskoke students' attendance at a three-week gifted and talented student classe at Oklahoma City University. Those students are Darleta Harjo, Perry Harjo, Siah Wesley and Rhonda Jimboy.

## Wilson

Lucille Bear, community secretary, and other Wilson elders attended the Creek Nation Elderly Nutrition Program's 10th Anniversary Dinner. Bear, former Dewar Indian Community cook, received a plaque for 10 years of service.

## Okemah

Okemah Indian Community will have a domino tournament from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 8. Food bingo also will be conducted at 7:30 p.m.

-- The community is still looking for participants for its Youth Olympics team.



## Congratulations ...

Best wishes to you in your plans to further your education or as you prepare to join the work force in your chosen field. Education has always been a priority of this administration; if we have been of any assistance to you, we are happy and honored to share in your accomplishments.

Respectfully,  
(s) Claude Cox, Principal Chief

On behalf of the National Council, I wish to congratulate all of the Creek graduates, from head start to doctorate. The key to success in any endeavor is knowledge. You have formed a beginning to change your lives. We commend you for your efforts.

Respectfully,  
(s) Kenneth Childers, Speaker  
Muscogee (Creek) National Council

## Senior Spotlight



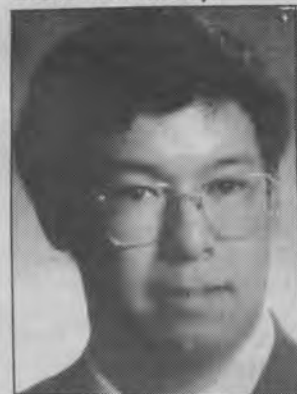
Victoria Lynn Kelley  
Okmulgee High School.

Parents: Eugene and Rose Kelley, Okmulgee.

Activities: Title V Indian Club (four years, secretary and vice president), volleyball (four years), basketball and track (two years), creative writing class, science fair.

Honors/awards: Competency award for computer technology.

Plans to attend: Rogers State College in Claremore (pursue associate degree in computer science with business option), transfer to Oklahoma State University.



Derek Fox  
Mounds High School.  
Parents: Danny and Cookie Fox.

Activities: Four-year honor student, band, secretary of the Vocational Industrial Club of America, participant in

the gifted and talented program, sophomore class secretary.

Awards: Presidential Academic Fitness Award, third in a citizenship essay contest.

Church: Pickett Prairie Baptist Church.

Plans to attend: OSU/Okmulgee (major in electronics.)



Rebecca Jo Froman  
Morris High School.

Parents: Ron and Jean Froman.

Activities: Honor roll, National Honor Society, Future Homemakers of America, cheerleader, basketball, softball, football queen attendant, FHA Sweetheart, voted Cutest girl in the senior class.

Plans to attend: Connors State College majoring in dental hygiene.

To be included in senior spotlight, send information regarding your graduate to The Muscogee Nation News, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Include name, school, activities, honors/awards and post-school plans.

## Headliners



Debra Gee

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass. -- Debra Gee, Creek-Navajo, received a bachelor of arts degree from Smith College, the largest private liberal arts college for women in the United States. She was among 742 seniors who graduated during the college's 113th commencement exercises. Gee, the daughter of Bill and Esther Gee of Okmulgee, is a 1984 graduate of Okmulgee High School. She majored in government at Smith. Her undergraduate activities included being a charter member of the Indigenous Americans of Smith (Smith's first Native American cultural organization), a member of the Five College Early Music Ensemble and participating in the Jean Picker Semester-In-Washington Program where she was an intern at the National Congress of American Indians. Gee plans to attend Arizona State University School of Law in the fall of 1991.



Tami Rade O'Brien

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TAHLEQUAH -- Tami Rade O'Brien, Creek, of Tulsa graduated from Northeastern State University with a bachelor of science degree in management. Tami, the daughter of Don and Jona Rade of Okmulgee, played in the NSU marching and concert bands for four years.

### Jammie L. Beth

MUSKOGEE -- Jammie L. Beth is the 1991 valedictorian of Bacone College. In addition to her scholarship, Beth also received awards in Speech and Drama, Humanities and the Northeastern State University Achievement Scholarship. She is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and was included in the 1991 edition of "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." Beth plans to attend NSU, Tahlequah, majoring in criminal justice. She is the daughter of Dale and Sandra Carey, Checotah and the granddaughter of Wilma Wolfe Washington.

### Kim Jackson

MUSKOGEE -- Kim Jackson, Creek-Choctaw, was among 38 students inducted into the National Honor Society at West Junior High School. Students must compile a grade-point average of 3.3 or above, demonstrate high standards of leadership, citizenship, service and character. Kim, an eighth-grader maintaining a 4.0 GPA, is in both the Oklahoma Honor Society and the National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Louie and Kathleen Jackson of Muskogee.



### Jaque Bevenue-Cusher

TAHLEQUAH -- Mrs. Jaque Bevenue-Cusher



Darleata Harjo



Jerry Don Foley



Tony Hale Jr.



Lora J. Jackson

## Achievement academy lists 5 Creek students

Five Creek students have been named United States National Award winners by the United States Achievement Academy.

Darleata Harjo of Holdenville, Jerry Don Foley of Wetumka, Darryl Jeffley of Linden, Texas, and Tony Hale Jr. and Lora J. Jackson of Okmulgee will be included into the organization's official yearbook.

The academy recognizes less than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Criteria includes a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and teacher or director recommendation.

Harjo, a Holdenville Junior High School student, is the daughter of Jimmy Lee and Mary Harjo of Holdenville. She is the granddaughter of Lucy Sewell, Lillian Scott, Togie Harjo and Rosie Harjo.

Foley, who attends Wetumka High School, is the son of Sonnie and Jo Ann Foley of Wetumka. His national award came in the science category.

Jeffley, who attends Linden-Kildare High School, is the grandson of Robert Jeffley and Harriet-Ross Jeffley of Cass County, Texas.

Hale, who attends Okmulgee Middle School, is the son of Tony and Debra Hale of Okmulgee. His paternal grandparents are Brent and Bernice Hale. Maternal grandparents are Curtis Lunsford and Bernice Watson.

Jackson, who attends Okmulgee Middle School, is the daughter of Joe and Flora Jackson. Grandparents are the late Timmie and Louella Jackson and the late Melissa (Wacoche) Lindsey.

received her bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Northeastern State University. Her cumulative grade-point average was 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale). At NSU, she was a member of Kappa Delta Phi, an honors society in education. She attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She is married to Bobby E. Cusher. She is the daughter of Jack and Gayle Bevenue and the daughter-in-law of Mrs. Linda Cusher.



# Bolivian bishop to visit Indian Methodist group

By DAVID M. WILSON  
MNN Correspondent

ANADARKO -- During his 1990 visit to Oklahoma area United Methodist Indian churches, Bishop Eugenio Poma said he felt right at home.

The tribal singing and liturgy sounded much like that in his home of La Paz, Bolivia, where he said he shares the same hopes and ties in this time of history in the church as those he visited in Oklahoma.

Bishop Poma will be the guest speaker during the 1991 session of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference on June 6-9 here. The conference will draw members from more than 100 churches in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas at the West District campgrounds.

The conference theme "Power of the past: Our Witness For Tomorrow," will involve daily and evening worship services, regular business and children and youth programs.

"I will talk about the values that are still alive with our people in my country, rather than the past," Poma said.

Bishop Poma belongs to the Aymra Nation in Bolivia whose culture is related to the Incas of Peru, he said.

"We as Indians in this continent seem to still be in the wilderness, not because we want to be, but because we have been pushed by strange forces, which obviously continues," he said.

Poma was elected the first lay Bishop in Bolivia in 1986 where he served until 1990. He then began studies at Perkins School of Theology at Dallas in 1990 where he will attend for three years. Upon completion of studies, he will return to Bolivia to teach at a seminary there.

"We need to see our visions for the future that God leads us to," Poma said. "It is not the end of history."

"As Indian people, we often keep quiet and keep it in ourselves. We are powerless in a way, but we do have power inside of ourselves."

Delegates, pastors and others attending the conference will hear reports of two new campus ministries that have been in the OIMC over the past year.

The first is in Lawrence, Kan., at Haskell Indian

## OIMC Agenda

### At West District, Anadarko

#### Thursday afternoon

2: Opening of annual conference (Bishop Dan E. Solomon), memorial service (Board of Ordained Ministry), service of holy communion (Bishop Solomon).

3:30: Roll Call (Conference Secretary the Rev. Alvin Deer), setting the bar of the conference, election of conference secretary's assistants, election of courtesy committee, adoption of agenda, Cokesbury Representative (Betty Floyd), bishop's address.

4: Executive session (all pastors under appointment), laity session, lay delegates (Noah Long).

7: Native Hymn Singing (Northeast District), devotional (the Rev. Tom Roughface), special offering, preacher (Bishop Eugenio Poma).

#### Friday morning

9: Devotional (Mike and Opal Harjo, Northeast District).

9:15: Journal committee report.

9:20: District superintendent's report (the Rev. Lester Tims, dean of cabinet).

9:30: Conference superintendent's report (the Rev. Tom Roughface).

9:40: Standing rules committee; nominations and personnel committee report.

9:45: Conference Council on Ministries (Betty Thompson, director; Newman Frank Jr., chairperson).

10:30: Conference lay leader (Noah Long).

10:45: Order of the day (first ballot, general conference delegates, lay and clergy).

11: Worship service, singing, devotional (Sherry Hokeah, West District), preacher (Bishop Poma).

#### Friday afternoon

1:30: Council on finance and administration (the Rev. Alvin Deer, conference treasurer; Charles McHenry, council chairperson).

3:30: Singing, Council on Higher Education and Ministry meeting.

5:30: Pastor's spouse banquet.

7: Native Hymn Singing (Southeast District).

7:30: Christian careers program (Bishop Poma).

#### Saturday morning

9: Devotional (Bill Battiest, Southeast District).

9:15: Journal committee report.

9:20: United Methodist Women (Maxine Barnett, president).

9:40: Cookson Hill Center (the Rev. Meri Whitaker, director).

9:50: Local church revitalization (the Rev. Billie Nowabbi, director).

10:20: Comprehensive Plan and ELC Committee (Katie Scott).

10:40: Oklahoma City University.

11: Worship service, singing, devotional (Bill and Barbara Goodard, Northwest District), preacher (Bishop Poma).

#### Saturday afternoon

1:30: Conference Council on Youth Ministry (Jill Cutnose, chairperson).

1:45: Oklahoma Conference Representatives.

2: Perkins School of Theology.

2:15: United Methodist Publishing House (the Rev. Taylor Harjo, General Board of Publication representative).

2:30: Conference committees (monitoring and review, archives and history, trustees, pensions).

3:30: Singing (service or recognition for retiring clergy and spouses and honoring of all retired clergy in attendance).

5:30: Dinner for retired clergy and spouses.

5:30-7: Youth Banquet (\$5, church attire dress).

7: Native Hymn Singing (West and Northwest districts).

7:30: Laity Night program (Noah Long).

#### Sunday morning

9: Church school assembly (CCOM program committee).

10:15: Church school report, journal committee report.

10:30: Worship service, special music, offering, Baptisms, consecration, ordinations, sermon (Bishop Solomon), reading of the appointments, benediction.

Singing -- Friday, Saturday, 1:15 p.m.

Daily meals -- Breakfast (Friday-Sunday, 7:30 a.m.), lunch (Friday-Sunday, noon), supper (Thursday-Saturday, 5:30 p.m.).

Junior College. Marilyn Bread is the campus minister at Haskell. The other is at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, which will begin programming in the fall.

The conference also is being asked to hear, study and consider a statement regarding the 1992 observance of Columbus' arrival to this part

of the world. The General Council on Ministries of the United Methodist Church adopted the statement which calls for 1992 to be proclaimed as "The Year of a New Beginning."

The four-page statement calls for churches and people across the world to deepen appreciation for indigenous peoples.

## In Brief

### Buck Memorial Singing to last all night July 19

HOLDENVILLE -- The 24th Annual Buck Memorial All Night Gospel Singing will be July 19-20 at Buck Memorial Park.

The park is located one mile west and two miles south of Holdenville on Spaulding Road.

Singing will begin at 7 p.m. Groups scheduled to appear are the Antone Indian family, Gloryland Express, Exedour, Unity, The Singing Orphans, The Master's Life Singers, The Prodigals, Kings Image and the Crystal River Band. The host group is the Buck Family.

Blackie Buck and Judy Foster will be the masters of ceremony.

Admission is free and all are invited to bring

lawn chairs and hear southern gospel singing.

In the event of rain, the singing will be moved to the Holdenville Indian Community Center.

### NE District Senior Methodists

#### plan annual meeting June 14-15

MORRIS -- The Northeast District Senior Methodists will hold their annual campmeeting at Big Cussetah Church June 14-16.

Registration will begin at 3 p.m. June 14. Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. and services will begin at 7 p.m. nightly.

Sunrise services will be conducted June 15 and 16.

### Buckeye Baptist Church to host memorial, annual singing in July

MASON -- Buckeye Creek Baptist Church will host a memorial and annual singing July 19-20. Robert Jones of Muskogee Sounds will be the emcee.

### Nuyaka Baptist to feature gospel singing June 1 near Okemah

OKEMAH -- Nuyaka Indian Baptist Church will feature a gospel singing on June 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Master of ceremonies will be Eastman Factor. The church is seven miles east of Okemah on Interstate 40, off Clearview exit, quarter-mile south, one mile east, eight miles north and one-half mile west.

### Oklahoma City church plans 30th anniversary celebration

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Glorieta Baptist Church, one of the largest Native American baptist churches in Oklahoma, will celebrate its 30th anniversary Aug. 9-10.

Special events include an evening reception Aug. 9 and lunch Aug. 10 after morning services.

Former church members are invited.



## Sports In Brief

## Tulsa Creek earns post-season high school baseball accolades

TULSA -- Mike Deo, a senior at Webster High School, was named to the Oklahoma Baseball Coaches Association honorable mention all-state team.

Deo batted .496 (59 hits in 119 at-bats) to lead his team to the Class 4A state tournament. A shortstop, Deo hit five home runs, drove in 43 runs and stole 28 bases.

Deo also was named The Tulsa Tribune's All-City Player of the Year. He made the Tulsa World's all-Metro team for the second consecutive year.

Deo also was an outstanding halfback for the football team but his season was cut short by a shoulder separation after the fourth game of the season.

Deo's mother is the late Martha Sue Deo. His maternal grandparents are the late John and Alice Brown. Paternal grandparents are Ada and Amos Deo of Hanna.



## Former Jenks coach to be given state coaches association award

JENKS -- Second Chief Perry Beaver, former head football coach at Jenks High School, will be inducted into the Oklahoma Coaches Association Hall of Fame in July.

Beaver, an announced candidate for Muscogee (Creek) Principal Chief, will be inducted at the OCA Convention in Tulsa in late July.

Beaver coached 25 years at Jenks and announced his retirement last July. He received a plaque from the Oklahoma Football Coaches Association in recognition of 100 career wins as a head coach.

## Bowlegs junior earns sports award

BOWLEGS -- Pamela Gayle Yargee, a junior at Bowlegs High School, has been named to the Who's Who in Sports for 1991.

She earned the honor by ranking 11th in rebounding among players at Class A schools. She had 153 rebounds and was named most valuable player on defense and defensive player of the year.

Yargee, a Creek-Yuchi-Cherokee, also partici-



pates in softball and track is an officer for the Bowlegs Indian Club.

She is a Sand Creek Tribal Town member. Her parents are Tarpie and Amy Yargee of Bowlegs. She is the maternal granddaughter of Hazel Tiger of Okemah and the late Joe Jones and the paternal granddaughter of Winey Yargee of Holdenville and the late Phillip Yargee.

## Shawnee sophomore sets marks

SHAWNEE -- Greg Harjo, a Shawnee High School sophomore, set and tied a school track record this past school year.

Harjo, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harjo of Shawnee, finished fourth in the 100-meter dash in the Class 5A state meet. He was sixth in the 200-meter dash in 22.36.

Harjo also is the grandson of Edith Harjo and Mrs. Delmer Kennedy of Henryetta.

## Fifth-grader gets autographed ball

OKMULGEE -- Darren DeLaune, fifth grader at Eastside Elementary School in Okmulgee, received an autographed basketball from Kermit Holmes, a University of Oklahoma basketball squadman.

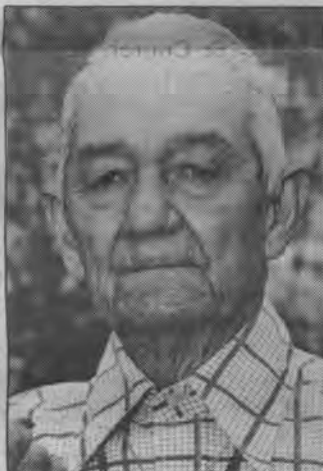
The ball was awarded at a pep rally for the elementary track team where Holmes of Okmulgee was guest speaker. Teachers voted for Darren to receive the ball.

Darren is the son of Georgeann DeLaune, an employee of Creek Nation, and Anthony DeLaune of Anadarko.

## Obituaries

## Louis Oliver

TAHLEQUAH -- Louis Oliver, 87, died May 10 at W.W. Hastings Indian Hospital in Tahlequah. Services were May 14 at the Wright Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Newman Frank Sr. officiating. Prayer service was May 13. Oliver was born April 9, 1904, at Coweta. An original allottee, Oliver also was an artist and writer. He attended school at Euchee Boarding School



and graduated from Bacone College. Survivors: two nieces, Virginia Bell and Hettie Dearstrom and a great niece, Richinda Useton of Arlington, Texas; two grand nephews, Willis Ball Jr. of Kansas City, Mo., and Ron Navarro of Longmont, Colo.; and a special friend, Ethel Cardinal of Tahlequah.

## Mattie Fixico

CASTLE -- Mattie Fixico, 79, of Castle died May 21 in Okmulgee. Services were May 25 at Prairie Springs Indian Baptist Church in Okemah with the Rev. John Burgess officiating. Burial was in the Prairie Springs Indian Cemetery. Mrs. Fixico was born April 1, 1912. She was a homemaker and member of Prairie Springs. She was preceded in death by her parents, Chagee and Nedà Harjogee, her husband, Willie Fixico in 1981; sons, Billy, Daniel, Kenneth and Ronnie Fixico; one daughter, Agnes West, and one sister, Effie Fields. Survivors: seven sons, Sandy and Lloyd of Castle, Richard and Bennie of Okemah, Kenneth of Shawnee, Arthur of Olustee and Jimmy of Sacramento, Calif.; two daughters, Jeanetta Smith of Castle and Edith Baney of Hartsville, Mo.; one sister, Judy Wolfe of Okemah; 38 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren. Pallbearers: Benny Fixico,

Arthur Fixico, Richard Fixico, Sandy Fixico, Lloyd Fixico and Kenneth Fixico.

## Yvonne Martin

WETUMKA -- Yvonne Martin, 55, of Wetumka died May 2. She was born on April 28, 1936, to the Rev. Rufus Buckley and Gussie Coachman Buckley. She attended Eufaula Boarding School and Chilocco School. She was baptized on Nov. 10, 1954, by the Rev. Dan Beaver at Sand Creek Baptist Church. In 1955, she moved to Los Angeles and lived there 17 years before returning to Wetumka in 1970. While living in L.A., Yvonne worked with Sand Creek Mission. She also worked at the Holdenville Sewing Factory but resigned in 1983 because of her health. She was an active church member, serving as pianist, G.A. leader, assistant clerk and teacher for Sand Creek. She also served as pianist for the District IV rally. Survivors: her husband Sam Martin of the home; three sons, Calvin Battiest and Rufus Battiest of Tulsa and Melvin Battiest of Lexington; four daughters, Ramona Poafpybitty of Dallas, Rebecca Brown of Tulsa, Carol Red Buffalo of Oklahoma City and Yvette Powell of Holdenville; three brothers, Kozy Buckley of Weleetka, and the Rev. Ledon Buckley and Harvey Buckley of Wetumka; three sisters, Geneva Fish of Wetumka, Betty Hill of Okmulgee and Martha Allen of Los Angeles; one uncle, the Rev. Ward Coachman of Braggs; 27 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and many nephews and nieces.

## W.P. 'Skip' Bruner

HASKELL -- W.P. 'Skip' Bruner, 74, of Haskell died May 6 in Tulsa. Indian prayer services were May 8. Services were May 9 at First United Methodist Church of Haskell with the Rev. Newman Frank officiating. Burial was in the Haskell Cemetery. Masonic Rites were conducted at the ceremony by Lodge No. 334. Masonic brothers served as pallbearers. Bruner was born Nov. 21, 1916 in Haskell, the son of Joseph and Beatrice Bruner and lived in Haskell most of his life. He was a retired truck driver and a member of the Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge No. 334 and American Legion Post No. 56. He was preceded in death by his wife Louise in 1982 and one son, Willie Bruner Jr. in 1974. Survivors: four daughters,

Helen Soles of Sand Springs, Dorothy Rice of Okay, Louise Cason of Broken Arrow and Nita Billington of Sapulpa; three brothers, John Bruner of Borger, Texas, Mac Colbert of Glenpool, Don Colbert of Arkansas City, Kan.; one sister, Betty Dunlap of Bristow; 16 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

## Malena (Artusee) Beaver

OKMULGEE -- Malena (Artusee) Beaver, infant daughter of Ward Beaver Sr. and Laura Artusee of Okmulgee, died May 8 in Okmulgee. Malena was preceded in death by a maternal grandfather, Jonas Artusee. Services were May 11 in Big Cussetah Church with Henry Tarpalechee officiating. Burial was in the Artusee Family Cemetery. Survivors: her parents Ward Beaver Sr. and Laura Artusee; two brothers, Ward Beaver Jr. and Wesley Beaver; one sister, Mindy Kay Beaver, all of Okmulgee; grandparents, Sissy Lewis and Lee and Lucille Joshua of Okmulgee; great grandparents, Christine Henneha and Minnie Factor; and a host of uncles and aunts.

## Delilah Marie Wittman Zeller

NUYAKA -- Delilah (Sister) Marie Wittman Zeller, 47, of Nuyaka, died May 10 in Okmulgee. Services were May 14 at Big Cussetah Methodist Church with Harvey Long officiating. Thomas Long and Willie Gooden assisted. Burial was in Big Cussetah Cemetery. She was born May 30, 1943 in Okmulgee. Zeller was a nurse and a member of Big Cussetah Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by one brother, Reuben Factor in 1973. Survivors: her husband Billy Van Straten; her mother Betsy Powell Factor of Okmulgee; two daughters, Connie J. Russell of Ft. Smith, Ark. and Vickie Piper of Litchfield, Ariz.; a son Thomas Yardy of Tulsa; five sisters, Linda Scott of Holdenville, Doris Roan Horse of Rockville, Md., Gloria Lowe of Tulsa, Sarah Fields of Oklahoma City and Bonnie Factor of Okmulgee; four brothers, Joseph Factor, Jr. and John Factor both of Okmulgee, David Factor and Deanie Factor both of Tulsa; and four grandchildren. Pallbearers: Burbon LaSarge, Mike Factor, Russell Watashe, T.J. Wolfe, Abe Simmer, Fredo Anderson, Joe Ray Barnett, Earnest Daniels, Robert Daniels, Louis Scott Sr., Rusty Powell and Ricky Powell.



## State News In Brief

**'Dances With Wolves' producer to be recognized at Red Earth Fest**

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Jim Wilson, co-producer of the Academy Award-winning movie "Dances With Wolves," will be in Oklahoma City for the annual Red Earth Festival on June 7-9.

Wilson will be recognized for his support of Native American heritage. He is a partner in TIG productions with Kevin Costner, who starred and directed "Dances With Wolves."

Wilson came to Oklahoma before filming and since has remained in contact with Red Earth, Inc., staff and other American Indians he met during his visit.

The Red Earth Festival, sponsored by Red Earth, Inc., attracts people from more than 100 American Indian tribes, making it the largest such festival of Native Americans. The three-day event opens June 7 with a parade of more than 1,000 Native Americans in tribal dress through downtown Oklahoma City, ending at the Myriad Convention Center, headquarters for the festival.

During the three days, visitors and participants can view and purchase the works of more than 200 of the country's most talented artists. Prior to the opening, the artist will enter their works in the arts competition for a share of \$22,000 prize money. Works include both traditional and contemporary art in painting, sculpture, jewelry, pottery, drawing, cultural items and attire.

The daily dance competition brings together accomplished Native American dancers from across the United States and Canada in various categories including Fancy, Traditional, Southern straight and Grass Dances for men. Women and girls will compete in Southern Buckskin, Southern cloth, Jingle dress, traditional and fancy shawl.

Other activities: the film and video showcase, artist demonstrations, storytelling and special children's events.

**American Indian Scouting group to conduct seminar at Tahlequah**

TAHLEQUAH -- The American Indian Scouting Association will conduct its 34th annual seminar for youth and adults at Northeastern State University from July 13-17.

The Center for Tribal Studies at NSU will provide the major program resources.

AISA is a collaboration between Indian tribal leaders, educators and two of our nation's leading youth agencies -- Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and Boy Scouts of America.

Seminar participants include both Indian and non-Indian youth (ages 12-17) and adults, who explore strategies for youth development and improvement of life in Indian communities through Girl and Boy Scouting programs and services.

Seminar fees include room and board and membership in the AISA. Fees are \$135 for adults and \$120 for youth.

Contact: Charlotte Barker, AISA publicity chairman, 109 Tam-O-Shanter Drive, Blythewood, SC 29016. Call: (803) 754-7037.

**Ceremony to honor Oklahoma Tribal Flag Plaza on June 9**

OKLAHOMA CITY -- A ceremony to honor the circle of earth where the Oklahoma Tribal Flag Plaza will rise from the north lawn of the State Capitol will be performed shortly after sunrise on June 9.

The 7:30 a.m. ceremony will be part of the Red Earth Celebration.

According to a press release from the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, those participating in the ritual will be "of one mind -- to proclaim and hold this ground sacred so the flags



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Okmulgee District Rep. George Almerigi is welcomed back to Okmulgee by Okmulgee County Undersheriff Barton Williams at a reception. Almerigi's U.S. Naval Reserve unit was stationed at a major military base in Sicily where he dispensed food, clothing and parts to military units headed to the Persian Gulf.

of their nations can, like the eagle, fly with dignity and pride representing the past, parent and future of their people."

The Tribal Flag Plaza was envisioned by Oklahoma Sen. Enoch Kelly Haney to be a place "where all people could come and share the spiritual experience of becoming one with the four essential elements -- the sky, earth, wind and water," according to the release.

The state legislature passed legislation in 1988 mandating an appropriation for the plaza's construction.

The plaza will feature 20-foot-high flag poles, one each for the 36 federally-recognized Oklahoma tribes. The name of each tribe and the earliest known date of their arrival in Oklahoma will be carved at the base of the flagpoles.

A Tribal Flag Plaza Committee has been established to raise funds for completion of the project.

For more information, contact the OIAC office at (405) 521-3828.

**Indian students can earn credit hours through OU health program**

NORMAN -- American Indian students who are graduating from high school or already in their freshman year of college can earn credit hours at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Plus they can get a head start on a career in health care through the Headlands Indian Health Careers Program. The eight-week, all expenses paid summer program, from June 14 through Aug. 10, provides courses designed to increase the student's academic and study skills. Students enrolling in the program are providing with room, board, tuition and roundtrip air transportation to the Headlands Conference Center in Mackinaw City, Mich. Each participant also will receive a \$300 stipend over the course of the summer. Information: Call (405) 271-2250.

Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

## Tribal News In Brief

**Shawnee teen to be crowned 1991 Creek Nation Princess**

OKMULGEE -- Kristi Herndon, 18, of Shawnee will reign as Creek Nation Princess for 1991, the Creek Princess Committee announced.

Herndon was second runnerup at the committee's last pageant in May of 1990. The committee crowned Dode Ann Warrington of Sapulpa but Warrington resigned her crown four months later.

Runnerup Sharon "Spud" Jones of Bowlegs assumed the crown but stepped down when she was unable to fulfill her obligations as princess, said Anita Freeman, princess committee member.

Herndon will receive a crown, banner and scholarship.

**Youth/Elders Conference plans June 19-22 meeting in Okemah**

OKEMAH -- The Youth and Elders Conference, a four-day spiritual gathering, will be June 19-22, north of Interstate 40 near Okemah in a traditional Mvskoke roundhouse.

The conference was first initiated by Phillip Deere, Mvskoke spiritual leader, to bring together urban youth and traditional tribal elders as a means of cultural survival. The conference offers youth and elders the opportunity to learn and share from each other.

Camping space as well as daily meals will be provided. No drugs, alcohol or weapons will be allowed.

For more information or contributions contact Jackie Warledo, P.O. Box 701796, Tulsa, OK (918) 742-2125.

**Elderly nutrition program gives watch to mother, 95**

OKMULGEE -- Winey Harjo, 95, of Bristow was given a watch for being the oldest mother at the Creek Nation Elderly Nutrition Program's Mother's Day dinner.

The elderly nutrition program served Mother's Day dinners at each of its seven sites throughout Creek Nation.

The program also celebrated its 10th anniversary with a dinner at Creek Nation's Okmulgee Bingo hall.

**Oklahoma City police seeking Indian recruits to join force**

OKLAHOMA CITY -- The Oklahoma City police department is recruiting Indians for its police force.

Recruiting sergeant Robert Rowell said the department would like to have more Indians on staff but very few qualified people have applied.

Rowell said the department has minimum qualifications including:

- U.S. citizen;
- age 21 or older;
- high school graduate or equivalent;
- excellent physical condition;
- vision correctable to 20-20;
- no history of mental illness;
- possess valid driver's license; and
- be of good moral character.

He said any interested applicant can contact him or other recruiter at 800 North Portland, Oklahoma City, OK 73107 or by phone at 405-297-3438.



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hired by the tribe to work with Indian Child Welfare cases. Stepson, however, never appeared in any Indian Child Welfare cases and his contract was repealed by the Council at its April meeting. Cushing attorney Greg Bigler, the last tribal attorney, resigned in July.

According to the Council's adopted rules of procedure, a representative voting in the majority for a bill can call for the ordinance to be reconsidered.

When the bill was reconsidered, Frye asked for the matter not to be approved. He told the Council the tribe has more than 100 acres that is not in trust status and warned the same could happen to the mineral rights in Muskogee.

But Muskogee District Rep. Helen Chupco said politics and personalities were the motives for reconsideration.

Chupco, told the Council that two members of the "budget committee are against revenue for Muskogee bingo."

Chupco asked the Council to consider the revenue that the proposed Muskogee project might bring to the tribe.

Cox said he was disappointed with the Council's action saying much of it is politically motivated against him.

"(The Council) think they're hurting me but they're just hurting the people," Cox said.

## Festival

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from the festival is bracing for a banner June.

"It should be a whole lot better," said Curtis Mobly, main manager for Dollar Saver Food Warehouse Inc., a discount grocer adjacent to the Creek Nation Omniplex.

"We won't make a killing, but it should be a little bit busier."

Mobly anticipates business to increase from 20 to 30 percent. On each weekend, Mobly said Dollar Saver will sell more than 2,000 cases of beer and from 5,000 to 6,000 bags of ice.

"Creek Festival and Pecan Festival is our second- busiest weekend next to the Fourth of July," Mobly said.

Roberts said two weekends of festivals shouldn't make much of a difference to the average festival-goer.

"I've talked to people around here who are going and they said they're going both weekends," he said.

Last year, Roberts said from 6,000 to 7,000 attended the festival and rodeo. This year, he looks for 8,000 to 10,000.

## Voters

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to her office.

According to tribal election laws, voters changing their residency to another precinct, may be prohibited from voting.

Three precinct changes have been made for the 1991

tribal elections. Those changes are listed on Page 6 in this edition.

Those citizens wishing to register for the 1991 elections must appear in person to request a registration form. To be eligible a person must be at least 18 and a Creek citizen.

Contact the Election Board at P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK

74447 or by phone at (918) 756-8700, Ext. 222.

## Fathers

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hard words back to her like kids nowadays. If she'd tell me to do something I'd do it. Kids nowadays say 'wait'; they can't get up from the TV."

Joe contends that TV is ruining our youth today. Children easily pick up bad language they hear on TV, said Joe, the pastor of Prairie Springs Indian Baptist Church.

"I have to get after my grandkids because they start saying them," he said of his 10 grandchildren he helped raise.

Toney Hill, 77, said he believes the younger generation eventually will overrule their parents.

"By your experiences you can tell them (children) what is right and what to do, but they say 'that was way in the past'. But when they get in trouble they come back to me and I give them a little preachin," said Toney, the father of 10.

As a child, when Tom went visiting with his parents, he was taught to be well behaved.

"When we visited someone we'd sit still or go outside and play. But now young kids look at everything and try to take it down," Tom said.

Not only has this discipline left the home, but the church as well, he said.

"I said (to my children) 'you sit beside your momma or me. You don't go in and out.' You know kids nowadays disturb services," said Tom, a Honeycreek Indian Methodist member.

Agreeing with Tom, Joe said deacons can no longer correct unruly children without reprisal from angry parents.

"Way back, the deacon would sit by the door and tap them (children) on the head and tell them to be quiet and not let them go out the door. But nowadays the deacon's a little bit afraid of the parents. I try to encourage them," Joe said.

Said Tom, "Mother and Dad told us 'don't ever disrespect an older person; say hello to them.'"

Tom said many elders, like himself, are quiet by nature. They don't know how to talk to young people today although most would welcome their conversation. Even though elders may be quiet they like to talk, he said.

"I don't say much, but I have a lot of thoughts running through my head. Young people ask me 'why don't you talk more?'"

"I see people who talk a lot, but that was the way I was raised. Sometimes when you feel a young person doesn't talk to you, you're dead."

"It seems like I have a lot of time to think. I think about my kids and I think about my grandkids. That's all I think about."



Joe Smith

## Council

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ture," Kamp said.

Kamp said he doesn't understand the Chief's reasoning since his attorney, Bill Rice, argued the case for the Sac and Fox tribe before federal district court.

Kamp said under his bill, most tribal employees would have received increases in net income. The bill would have required employees to pay the tribal tax rate at 50 percent now being paid to Oklahoma.

"It seems to be a fairly simple matter to collect taxes," Kamp said.

"As for the non-Creek employees, I know it's a difficult matter, but its my feeling that I have been elected to represent Creek people and Creeks ought to be employed anyway."

The veto will be reconsidered at the next Council meeting.

In other business, the Council:

- failed to override a veto of a bill that would have created an agri-business board;

- failed to override a veto of a bill transferring \$33,000 from a Bureau of Indian Affairs contract to the tribe's agri-business;

- approved a resolution opposing further development of Old Hickory Ground in Alabama. The site is a ceremonial ground near Wetumpka, Ala.;

- failed to get the votes required to place a constitutional amendment on a special election ballot. The proposed amendment would have required tribal supreme court justices to be one-quarter blood or more Creek;

- approved a \$50,000 supplement to the tribe's higher education incentive grant program;

- repealed an attorney contract with Norman attorney Marvin Stepson. Stepson had an approved contract but never fulfilled the requirements;

- authorized Creek communities to apply for grants and philanthropic funds. The action is not related to the tribe's community development block grant program;

- rescinded approval placing the surface of 26 acres in Muskogee in trust (see story on Page 1);

- rescinded contract approval for Oklahoma City attorney Barry Benefield, an Indian Child Welfare specialist; and

- approved funding for David Wilde's legal fees in his custody battle. Wilde is from Glenpool.

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commerce and taxation;

- work with state and federal governments on a government-to-government basis and seek to increase funding for government programs;

- establish a 10-year plan which enables the tribe to become the leader of Oklahoma tribes with respect to health, education and economic development;

- promote tribal sovereignty and become financially independent pursuing sound and feasible economic development projects; and

- create an independent editorial board to ensure fair, accurate and unbiased reporting Creek Nation news.

"I will work to instill pride in being Indian and see that all Creek citizens are treated with the respect to which they are entitled," Frye said.

The filing period for tribal elections is Sept. 16-18. Elections will be held for chief, second chief and all National Council seats.

Frye joins Second Chief Perry Beaver, Jackson Barnett of Okemah and Jimmy Hill of Stidham as announced candidates for the tribe's highest executive office.

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benefits, which for example bingo employees currently do not enjoy.

"The Creek Nation presently has a full-time staff of economic developers, but they are the only ones receiving the benefits."

Crow, married 22 years to John Crow, has two children, Leslie, 16, and John, 13; both honor students and active in Berryhill school programs.

"In the United States, 1992 has been designated as the Year of the Indian," Crow said. "Let us make it the year of change in the Muskogee Nation. Let's return the government to our people."



## Hiy'uce (Little Harvest) July

Net'tv-ca'ko SUNDAY	Mv'nte MONDAY	Tu'ste TUESDAY	Net'tvca'kuce-en nvrkvp'v WEDNESDAY	Rv'ste THURSDAY	Fli'te FRIDAY	Nettv-ca'ko-cu'se SATURDAY
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## COVER STORY

### War in gulf didn't deter mom's love

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
Community Affairs Editor

**M**ORRIS -- It wasn't Saudi Arabia's 120-degree heat, the constant explosion of SCUD missiles or its culture's degradation of women that Sgt. Ruby Wahnee hated most about being in the country. What bothered the 27-year-old mother most was being thousands of miles away from her daughter Desiree.

Ruby said she is still paying for the telephone calls she made every other day to 3-year-old Desiree and her sister, Sherri Wahnee.

Ruby knew that Desiree would not forget her over her six-month absence because of her frequent contact.

"She came right to me when I got back."

Ruby said the only changes in her daughter were

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Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Ruby Wahnee is back at home with daughter Desiree, 3.

### Tribal office races gain new entries

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

**T**wo additional candidates for Muscogee (Creek) Nation principal chief and second chief have entered the race.

National Council Speaker Ken Childers of Glenpool and Okfuskee District Rep. Bill Fife of rural Weleetka joined four others contending for chief while Okmulgee District Rep. Tony Hale of Okmulgee and medicine man David Lewis of Yardeka entered the campaign for second chief.

Other announced candidates for principal chief are Jackson Barnett of Okemah; Second Chief Perry Beaver of Jenks; Ed Frye of Bristow; and Jimmy Hill of Eufaula.

Hospital and Clinics Board chair Shelly Crow is a candidate for second chief.

All candidates for chief and second chief addressed a crowd of about 75 at the Tribal Towns Center in Okemah June 28.

Filing period for all tribal offices is Sept. 16-18. The primary election is scheduled Oct. 26 with the general election to be held Dec. 7.

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announcements  
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### Administration sues health board

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

**O**KMULGEE -- Principal Chief Claude Cox has filed suit in tribal Supreme Court against the tribe's health board and hospital administrator seeking a \$272,200 loan payment.

The suit, filed June 24, contends the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board has refused to repay a \$272,200 loan made to the board in December 1989.

According to the petition, the administration has made numerous demands to the board to comply with tribal ordinance but has been ignored.

Named in the suit are board members Shelly Crow and Helen Coon and hospital administrator Sally Foster.

In December 1989, the National Council authorized the loan to the board as an advance against Indian Health Service monies. IHS stopped funding temporarily because of claims made

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### Festival insert inside

**O**KMULGEE -- The 1991 Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo was "our best ever," according to festival committee members.

Smothering heat and heavy thundershowers made the three-day tribal celebration uncomfortable at times. Still, more than 10,400 crossed the gates, said Carney Roberts, committee chairman.

A complete look at winners is featured in a special pullout section of *The Muscogee Nation News*.



## Letters to the editor

### Okmulgee citizen says mvto for efforts at Youth Olympics

It has been said that one of the greatest assets that an Indian has is its youth.

If any one event can be used to gauge this type of praise the 1991 Creek Nation Youth Olympics must be considered.

Ability, pride and determination was evident as young athletes from several Creek Nation communities competed against one another.

Each athlete and support people from each community should be commended and recognized for their efforts during this event.

I would like to thank the Okmulgee Indian Community for allowing me the privilege of working with these young athletes. The community should be very proud of the efforts of these young people and those who volunteered their time assisting with the community team.

Special recognition should be given to OIC officers Matt Tiger, Vickie Watashe, and Bernice Hale. Without their patience and generosity the community team would not have been as successful.

I would also like to thank those persons who assisted in putting together the OIC team: Sidney Long, JoAnna Monahwee, Rhonda Parker, Janice Frye, Richard Factor, Rick Wolfe, and Nathan "Pee Wee" Toney. These people worked hard and donated a lot of their time. The effort, patience and guidance they gave was greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank all parents who brought the kids to practice, showed their support and sat through the heat to cheer these athletes.

The work of the Olympic Committee and staff should also be recognized. George Anne DeLaune, Bunny Hill and the rest of the staff (should be commended) for an excellent job.

Also thanks to the Creek Nation Community Hospital personnel who were at the games. They provided quick and professional care when it was needed.

Last but not least, I'd like to thank the Creek Nation Festival Committee for organizing the Olympics. You have given our young athletes the opportunity to compete, and they have excelled. Mvto.

David Proctor, Okmulgee

### Speaker calls Festival a success, commends committee's efforts

Editor:

The 17th annual Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo is now over. I wish to take this opportunity to commend the distinguished committee on a job well done. I was able to view all aspects of the festivities. I received numerous positive comments from Creek citizens. We have concluded the 17th annual festival was the best ever.

Ken Childers, Speaker, National Council

### Indian education committee says mvto to Creek officials

Editor:

The Indian Education Parent Committee of Wagoner Public Schools would like to express their appreciation to Mr. Kenneth L. Childers for being a guest speaker on May 16, 1991, at our first annual Indian education awards reception. His remarks were both enlightening to the parents and entertaining to the students. Knowing that he has a very busy schedule we appreciate the time he took to be with us.

Our thanks and appreciation also go out to Donna

## Reader: District reference inaccurate

Editor:

For several of the past issues, *The Muscogee Nation News* has been referring to the Seminole/Hughes district as the Tuckabatchee district. I must remind you that this designation is in error and does not reflect accurate journalism on your part.

Granted, the National Council did pass legislation to change the voting district name, Chief Cox did fail to act on the measure in the 10-day period and the legislation subsequently was approved by default. I remind you the legislation calls for a constitutional referendum.

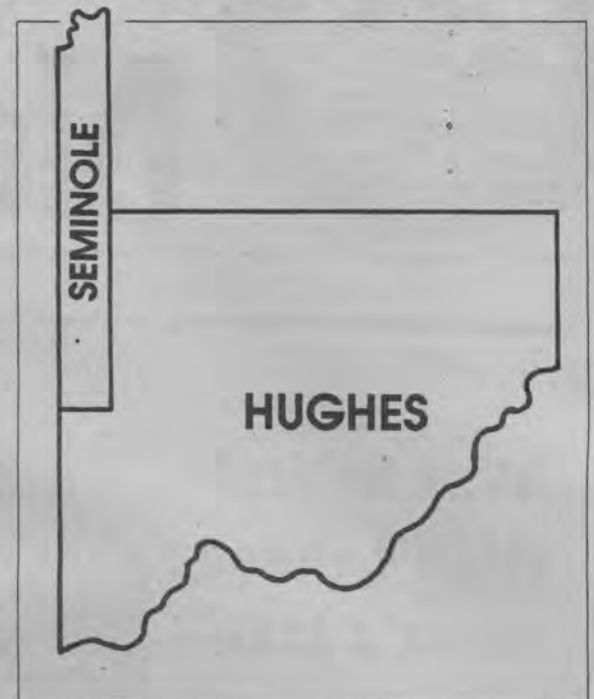
You are failing to realize the Constitution specifies the district as Seminole/Hughes and until the people vote on the issue in the referendum election and approve of the name change, the district name remains as the Constitution requires.

I expect you will take note of the above exception and in the future correctly report the name of the district as Seminole/Hughes until such time the people of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation decide to change the name in the upcoming election.

In closing, *The Muscogee Nation News* has become significantly more objective about its reporting and conscientious about its content. For this reason I am writing this letter as I believe *The Muscogee Nation News* desires to regain the credibility from the people it has so gradually lost in the last 15 years.

Eddie LaGrone, Cromwell

Editor's note: Point well taken. According to an intrepudation of NCA 91-16 by tribal



The Seminole/Hughes District in the southwest portion of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation may undergo a name change if tribal voters approve a new designation in a constitutional referendum.

District Judge Pat Moore, the legislation supports the designated name change by ordinance and requests consideration in a future referendum vote to amend the Constitution to reflect the name change. No date has been set as of early July on the referendum. *The Muscogee Nation News* will refer to the district as Seminole/Hughes in future editions.

Rhodes, president of the National Indian Education Association and Turner Bear of the Cherokee Nation higher education department for also speaking at the reception.

The parent committee feels that the remarks made by Mr. Childers, Ms. Rhodes and Mr. Bear marked the beginning of a better understanding for

our parents and students about Title V-C, J.O.M. programs and a proud feeling for their heritage. They are truly a credit to their tribe.

Judy Jenkins, Wagoner

Editor's note: Jenkins chairs the Indian Education Parent Committee for Wagoner Public Schools.



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## Letter to the editor

### Reader says attendance lacking at National Council meetings

Editor:

The government of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is not socialist; it is a democracy. Our government is vested with executive, judicial and legislative branches.

The National Council is the legislative branch composed of 29 members elected from eight districts.

These representatives, as they are called, are elected to hold a place in the legislature because the people who elected them put their trust into them to do what is best for the people.

However in holding these positions, do the representatives actually represent what the people want or do these representatives represent themselves?

Do these representatives bring to the people a positive forum in which both sides of an issue are discussed or is it a one-sided affair? Further, do these officials really know what they want?

I have attended several of the monthly council meetings and I have yet to see full representation. (I believe) an average attendance is approximately 22 members. Of those present, you can expect five or six, (maybe more) more often than not voting negative on an issue that is in the best interest of the people. On several occasions I have witnessed (those) voting in the negative seem to not want to do what is in the best interest of the people. The rational basis for their negative vote can be viewed as a vote coming from a personal perspective rather than from an overall perspective. Now this is not to say that all votes should be positive but these representatives should vote the way the majority of the people want them to vote. They must be represented by those who want what the people want.

Another issue that must be addressed is the issue of those representatives who choose not to attend the council meetings. As elected officials they have a responsibility that can not be forsaken. If these officials do not attend the council meetings, how can there be proper representation?

Of course, there are probably some extenuating circumstances in which a representative is unable to attend but there has to be a stopping point somewhere. Excessive absence should result in some disciplinary action, but there is not a policy in the bylaws nor is there an ordinance to correct these abuses.

Those representatives who are continually absent still draw their pay. There must be something done about this fault in our government.

I appeal to the people to question their respective council members about his or her integrity, trust and the ability to do what is best for all the people.

Richard Wilde, Glenpool

**Editor's note:** By ordinance, National Council representatives are paid \$3,000 annually, a \$50 stipend per meeting where attendance is required (limited to five monthly) and reimbursed for mileage and telephone expenses.

## Clarification

A story in the June edition of *The Muscogee Nation News* said people who want to register in the upcoming tribal elections should appear in person. Juliene Stone, election secretary, said those who want to register do not have to appear in person. They may request a form in writing.

## CREEK CAMPAIGN '91

# Speaker throws hat into ring

Stories by JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

TULSA -- Ken Childers, speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, announced his candidacy for Creek principal chief at the Council Oak Tree on June 6.

Childers has been a member of the Council for 10 years and has been elected speaker for the last two terms. He has represented the Mayes-Rogers-Wagoner District and now represents the Tulsa District.

"I am running for Chief on my experience, knowledge, record, merits and dedication to the Creek government and to the Creek people," Childers said.

Childers began his political activism as chair of the Koweta Indian Community.



Ken Childers

Childers said the highest priority of government is to provide every individual the opportunity to work and "insure the education, health and welfare of its citizens."

According to his press material, Childers said he will work to:

-- maintain continuous communication between the National Council and administrators and between program administrators and the Creek people;

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## Okfuskee rep plans chief run

WELEETKA -- Okfuskee District Rep. Bill Fife has announced his candidacy for principal chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

In a platform statement, Fife said he is running to return tribal government to the people.

"My purpose in seeking this office is to give the Creek voter an option that would return the control of the tribal government to the Creek people," Fife said.

Fife said his basic platform is:

- involve the Creek citizens in the decision-making process;
- restore tribal honor and unity;
- increase the scope of government services to citizens; and
- exercise complete tribal sovereignty.

Fife is a U.S. Postal Service employee. He is a former director of Creek Nation tribal affairs.

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Bill Fife

## Okmulgee Councilman going for second chief

OKMULGEE -- Okmulgee District Rep. Tony Hale has announced he is seeking to be the Muscogee (Creek) Nation second chief.

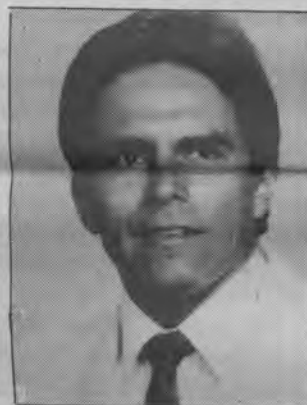
Hale served previously on the Council from 1985-1987 and sat on the Creek Nation Housing Authority Board from 1982-1985.

As second chief Hale says he will defend tribal sovereignty, work to strengthen Creek families and provide opportunities for youth to excel.

According to his press material, Hale said "As a sovereign people we have certain inherent, proven rights and privileges. Having power is one thing, knowing how to use it is another."

Hale said families are "the backbone of any nation" and that tribal government can foster families to grow stronger.

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Tony Hale

## Medicine man to seek tribal office

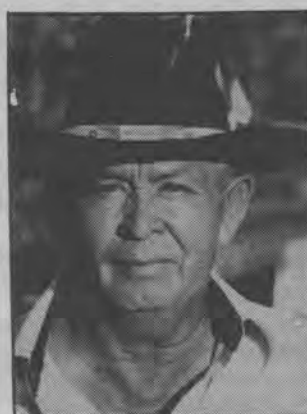
YARDEKA -- Mvskoke medicine man David Lewis has announced his candidacy for second chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Lewis, 57, says as a practicing *hila hiya*, he has first-hand knowledge of the needs of Creeks.

"I am concerned for nearly everything that affects Indian people," Lewis said. "I am concerned for their health, physical strength, mental well-being and their home life."

Lewis says he will use the position of second chief to promote cultural preservation and making program services easier for tribal citizens to use. Specifically, Lewis said, "People are talking about a nursing home for our people but that was my dream 20 years ago."

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Dave Lewis



# Ceremonial ground dig in Alabama on hold

## Poarch Creeks, state officials await BIA recommendation on controversial excavation

Stories by STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

**T**he Poarch Band of Creeks and state officials in Alabama continue to be embroiled in a conflict over the development of old Hickory Ground (Ocevp' Ofv) Ceremonial Ground.

At issue is the legality of the eastern Creeks' development of a proposed \$4.5 million bingo hall on the ceremonial ground near Wetumpka, Ala.

The development apparently violates the Federal Preservation Act of 1966, which requires federal agencies to obtain permission from state historic preservation officers before any excavation on federal land.

Officials from the Alabama Historical Commission and the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission have opposed the development, contending it is illegal and detrimental to archaeological remains on the land.

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council sides with Alabama authorities, passing a resolution at its May session to oppose any kind of development on Hickory Ground.

The leader of the 1,849-member tribe claims much of the opposition is politically or religiously motivated.

Presently, excavation is on hold.

In March, the eastern U.S. director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs instructed the Poarch Band to discontinue excavation until an agreement could be made with the BIA, the President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Alabama Historic Commission.

The BIA is awaiting recommendations from the

## Oklahoma Creeks oppose desecration

Oklahoma Creeks are not fully aware of the facts about the proposed Hickory Ground development in Alabama, according to Eddie Tullis, chairman of the Poarch Band of Creeks.

"We thought (the Muscogee National Council) officially (would) ask us to make a presentation ... before passing a resolution (that opposed the development)," Tullis said.

Okmulgee District Rep. Thomas Berryhill, who authored legislation opposing the development, said a representative of the band made what he considered an unimpressive presentation to the Council in 1988.

Regardless of the type of development, the

principle of developing on a ceremonial site is wrong, Berryhill said.

"Wherever there's a body laying, even if it's just a few bones, that's enough," Berryhill said.

George Thompson, mekko of Oklahoma's Hickory Ground near Yardeka, south of Henryetta, also opposed the Poarch Creeks' development on the ceremonial ground.

The members and "I feel like it should be left like it was," Thompson said. "It came as kind of a shock. I feel like it should be left alone."

Berryhill said the Council had held off on the resolution, since 1988, until hearing of the illegal excavation early this year.

advisory council and commission. The two groups have not met to discuss mitigation of the site, although their timetable to meet will expire by mid-July.

In the meantime, the Poarch Creeks will give no credence to the AIAC's resolution, said Poarch Band Chairman Eddie Tullis.

Few archaeological remains can be found at Hickory Ground, he said.

"You can go 10 miles away and pick up a whole truckload of (American Indian) bones, whereas on this land you'd have trouble picking up a snuff box of Indian bones," he said.

Tullis was referring to an Auburn University dig at Fusihatchee, 10 miles from Hickory Ground. A state official said the Alabama Historic Commission has no authority to stop excavations on private property, such as Fusihatchee.

"The state historical commission constantly digs up graves all over this state," Tullis said, adding the state originally wanted to develop the property and "dig up everything on it."

The Poarch Band plans to build a \$3 million motel and restaurant on a 15-acre tract of commercial land. It had tentatively planned to build a \$4.5 million bingo hall and \$1 million museum on eight of 35.8 acres on the actual Hickory Ground site.

The Poarch Band has invested \$250,000 in mitigation of the eight acres intended for the bingo hall, Tullis said. Archaeologists excavated the acreage to insure it was not a burial ground, he said.

"We haven't went out on the other 27 (acres), but we have made sure it (ancestral remains) is not on the eight acres we're going to build on," Tullis said. The property where ancestral remains are found is on a 15-acre section of adjoining property, he said.

In its resolution, the AIAC says development of a gaming operation will desecrate the sanctity of the land.

Tullis said the sanctity issue is a guise for political pressure placed on the two commissions by

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## Council OKs status for Muskogee property

### Bingo hall may begin operation by Thanksgiving, Chief predicts

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- Muskogee (Creek) Nation Chief Claude Cox says the Muskogee bingo hall should be operating by November now that the property has been approved for trust status.

The National Council consented to have the surface of 26 acres in Muskogee to be placed in trust at a special session June 18.

"I'm glad we finally got this settled," Muskogee District Rep. Helen Chupco said. "Supporters were never going to give up. I want to thank those that supported us. I appreciate the Council's effort."

The Council had considered trust status for the property five times. Three times, once after approving a similar bill, the Council had rejected the proposal because there is no clear title to the mineral rights.

One half of the mineral rights is owned by a non-Indian.

Cox has lobbied for a Muskogee bingo hall for two years. 26 acres located at U.S. 69 highway and Peak Boulevard in Muskogee was purchased by the tribe last year.

Legislation placing the surface in trust was considered in January.

The application for trust status is with the U.S. Department of Interior where there could be additional title requirements for trust status.

The tribe's Gaming Operations Authority Board has hired Sand Springs architect Ray Frogge, Jr. to develop blueprints and specifications.

Frogge, a tribal citizen, designed the Chickasaw Nation Bingo Hall at Thackerville.

Tribal Gaming Commissioner Tim Harper said after the plans and specs are developed the gaming board will solicit bids for the project.

The hall is expected to seat 1,100, employ 50 to 60 and generate at least \$100,000 month to the tribal treasury, Cox said.

Those voting for the bill (16):

Creek: Earl Wheeler; Mayes-Rogers-Wagoner: Robert Berryhill, Helen Duncan; McIntosh: Tommy Pickering; Muskogee: Chupco, Little; Okfuskee:



### Gaming awards

Photo by Jim Wolfe

Former Muskogee (Creek) Nation gaming commissioner William Foster was honored posthumously by the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Commission and inducted into the National Indian Gaming Hall of Fame. Accepting the award was wife, Wanda (center). Principal Chief Claude Cox (left) also was awarded by the OIGC. To the right is current tribal gaming commissioner, Tim Harper. Foster's awards were presented at the NIGA's summer conference in Atlantic City, N.J.

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## JTPA program puts nearly 200 youths to work

OKMULGEE -- The Creek Nation Job Training Partnership Act program has employed nearly 200 workers for an eight-week session that began June 3.

The workers will be employed in all divisions of the Creek Nation and non-profit organizations.

"We think we have a real good group this year," said Diana McCrary, JTPA manager.

The workers, ages 14 to 21, have a 32-hour work week and are paid \$4.25 an hour, minimum wage. The workers attended summer camp at the Creek Nation Boarding School in Eufaula.

Larry Cawhee, JTPA area counselor, said supervisors and counselors make it a point to keep the workers motivated.

"We talk to them; try to relate to them. And tell them to be punctual, responsible and make sure they're able to get along with their co-workers.

"We try to impress on them this is a job. How they do here is how they do in the future."

This year's workers include:

Rocky Heard, Danielle Locust, Shirley Clark, Alicia Garrison, Jaci Kelly, Vernon Powell, Zachary Skeeter, Karen Brown, Tim Bruner, Zachary Ledford,

Nedra Thompson, Kim Harry, Vonda Switch, John Burgess, Michael Lee, Roderick Cole, Patricia McCune, Clinton Roberts, Brent Sanders, Jessica Taylor,

Keary King, Sonny Bear, Bonnita Henneha, Jackie Hill, Michelle Hulbutta, Christie Like, Kristie Smith, Brian Walls, Ashley Bear, David Bear,

Tina Davis, Ernest McPerryman, Phil Phillips, Greg Smith, Lorena Walters, Adam West, Yvonda Fixico, Vaniece Hardin, Holly Wilson, Sherman Hicks,

Noah Tiger, Randy Cindle, Christina King, Candace Hamilton, Daniel Carter, Ben Nichols, Samuel Givens, Mose Lindsey, Natalie Bucktrot, Daniel Little,

Lisa Little, Bruce McPerryman, Shari Proctor, Latisha Anderson, Calvin Barnett, Kim Bayliss, Clinton Cloud, Gene Daniel, Nichol davis, Donna Dunn,

Kelly Evans, Phillip Felix, Sonya Foster, Christopher Hutchins, Cheryl Johnson, Melissa Johnson, Amy Jones, Joe McGirt, Anita Pahsetopah, Jescina Simmers,

Lavonna Squire, Melissa Thomas, Sherry Tiger, Patty Vanzant, Steven Watkins, Paige White, LeAndra Feeling, Donnie Laymon, Shane Laughlin, Larry Deere,

William Lowe, Jeanetta Vasquez, Lagretia Chiles, Tammy Barnett, Rebecca LeClair, Bobby Sullivan, Queenie Colbert, Michael Deere, Jason Graves, Danna Yeahquo,

Derrick Washington, Sara Fanshier, Stephanie Harjo, Eric McLaughlin, Michael Holuby, LaNisa Kelly, Joseph Francis, Roberta Alread, Jackie Jones, Shelia Taylor,



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Clarissa Macias trims newspaper clippings about Creek affairs as part of her job through the Job Training Partnership Act program at Creek Nation.

Quinn Gambler, Beatrice Fry, Shawna Kash, Ricky Harjo, Mose Lewis, Soreno Deo, Chippie Lewis, Samara Proctor, Stanley Harjo, Michael Odom,

Samantha Wright, Tony Fish, Rebecca Starr, Jimmy Basquez, Bernadette Whitetree, Lena Cully, Ted Harjo, Serena Selumber, LaDonna Noriega, Robby Jack,

Misty Carter, Jason Lovato, Tonya Martin, Christopher McGirt, Robert Buck, Marlon Harjo, Emery Lincoln, Danny George, Mitchell Whitlow, Alethea Soweka,

Stephanie McDaniel, Joseph Leitka, Robert Carmichael, Janine Ross, Teri Campbell, John Washington, Chris Thrasher, T.J. Marshall, Shemena Escoe,

Danetta Vandiver, Marva Jackson, Katrina Berryhill, Edward Washington, Michael Bird, Clarissa Macias, Earley Nimsey, Angel Fox, John Holata, Tonya Satawake,

Jonathan Berryhill, Ronike Williams, Jeremy July, Lillie Thomas, Tamira Lee, Jenifer Durrett, Travis Duvall, Charles Mohamm, Jacqueline Gray, Coby McQuay,

Stephanie Autaubo, Kelli Raefield, Steven Powell, Kelly Bear, Bruce Harjo, Delysa Rozell, Michael Lee, Donna Washington, Matt Payne, Jeralyn Prentiss,

Ellie Barnett, David Root, Shannon Brown, Misty Hall, Steve Speir, Brent Spaulding, Fred Burkhalter, Melody Butler, Mark Allen, Wilbert Barnett,

Jacqueline Hill, Dana Lambertson, Garland Reid, Jordan Coley, Waylon Melton, Mindy Ellis, Zoelynn Tiger, Jay Haynes, Roxanne Gambler, John McAlester,

Trina Lane, Daneta Kaulay, Becky Whisenhunt, Christy Teague, Terry Sullivan, Colin Casey, Shawnee Harper and Alane Jacobs.

Names were furnished by the Creek Nation JTPA Office.

## High court: 20 votes needed for overrides

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court has ruled 20 votes are needed for a veto override and that abstentions cannot be counted with the majority.

The case, filed by Principal Chief Claude Cox against National Council Speaker Ken Childers, stemmed from action taken at February's Council meeting.

A month earlier, the Council passed NCA 91-05, an ordinance that established procedures to let the speaker nominate members to the Creek Nation Housing Authority board.

Cox vetoed the bill.

At the February session, the Council attempted to override the veto with 19 yes votes, five no votes and one abstention.

Childers then declared the veto was overridden and that abstaining votes can be counted with the majority.

Childers contended Roberts' Rules of Order allowed for abstaining votes to be counted with the majority.

Following that vote, Childers named Bill Burden of Weleetka, Eliza Hicks of Dewar, Mickey Primeaux of Coweta and Darla Yocham of Morris to the CNHA board. The Council approved the nominations.

On March 29, the CNHA filed an injunction against the Council's board in Okmulgee District Court. District Court Judge Anne Moroney ruled that the CNHA was a state agency and that the Council had no jurisdiction to seat members.

In April, Cox filed suit seeking relief.

The Court ruled that Article 6, section 6(a), requires a full two-thirds majority of affirmative votes to override a veto.

Cox said after the decision was issued that he is pleased by the Court's ruling.

"The Council's action was a clear violation of the Constitution," Cox said. "This is twice we've had to go to court on an override issue."

The first was Bill Burden, then an Okfuskee District Representative, who lost his suit against the administration trying to determine the number of votes needed for a two-thirds majority.

Childers said in a prepared statement that he will respect the Supreme Court and abide by their decision. Childers added that his action was not in vain.

"Since that ordinance was first enacted, the Housing Authority has been more congenial to Creek citizens," Childers said. "I see more housing information in the *The Muscogee Nation News*. Something good came from this.

"This is all the National Council wanted; better services for our Muscogee (Creek) people."

In another decision, the Court ruled that NCA 88-15 is an ordinance within the perimeter of the Muscogee (Creek) Constitution.

The bill was first passed in March 1988, vetoed

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Chartered Community News

# Glenpool workers learn from elders through program

Compiled by STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

Six Muscogee (Creek) Nation Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) youth at Glenpool Indian Community Center are learning work ethics from community elders.

The youth are assisting the community with commodity distribution, maintenance and clerical work. Community officers and members are offering the youth cultural guidance and the basics in small business operation, said Pauline Haney, community chairperson.

Community employees have developed a buddy system for the youth, she said. Each JTPA worker has been matched with a community elder.

For at least one hour per week the youth interview their elders. This offers the youth the opportunity to learn from the elders, Haney said.

JTPA supervisors are Haney, Chiquita Smith, secretary and Pat Clark, sergeant at arms. Volunteers are Cheri Haney, Susan Van Woudenberg and Lawaunta Soap.

## Okmulgee

Okmulgee Indian Community has installed a computerized scanning cash register that will allow the community to computerize inventory, said Matt Tiger, chairperson.

Treasurer Vicki Watashe said the community thanks David Proctor, Sidney Long, Pee Wee Toney, Richard Factor, Rick Wolfe, JoAnn Monah-wee and Janice Frye for their time and effort as coaches in OIC's winning entry in the Creek Nation Festival Youth Olympics. More than 50 children competed.

## Okemah

Okemah Indian Community bait shop hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Food bingo will be played from 7 to 10 p.m. July 13. Packs cost \$5. Food bingo is played on the second Saturday of each month.

## Wilson

Wilson Indian Community has hired Don McKay as smokeshop manager and has opened a convenience store. The store has been set up in the smoke-shop portion of the community center. Among items for sale are ice, beverages, picnic supplies and candy. McKay said the store is gradually expanding. Store and smokeshop hours are from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

## Beggs

Beggs Indian Community hosted the Adams family reunion with relatives throughout the United States attending.

Twenty-five children participated in the community's entry in the Creek Nation Festival Youth Olympics.

## Dewar

Dewar Indian Community will host its monthly bingo game, exclusively for elders, July 26 at 10:30 a.m.



Photo by Anita Freeman

National Council Speaker Ken Childers crowns Kristi Herndon of Shawnee at a reception during the Creek Festival. Herndon later rode in the festival parade.

# Shawnee teen wears Creek crown

OKMULGEE - Kristi Herndon of Shawnee was crowned Creek Nation Princess and made an immediate impression.

In her acceptance speech, Herndon, 18, said she hoped to bring honor and dignity to Creek Nation and looked forward to her scheduled activities as princess.

"The committee is pleased that Kristi accepted the title," said Anita Freeman, princess committee member. "She



has many fine qualities and we are confident that she will fulfill the duties of princess during this year."

Herndon was second runner-up in the 1990 pageant. She assumed the crown when Dode Warrington, last year's princess, and Sharon Jones, runnerup, stepped down when they failed to fulfill obligations as princess.

The reception crowning Herndon was given during the Creek Nation Festival. The reception was attended by her family, including her grandmother Susie Scott, Oklahoma City Muscogee Association Princess Cassandra Barnett and other tribal members.

She graduated from Shawnee High School

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# Oklahoma City Creeks select princess

OKLAHOMA CITY - Fourteen-year-old Creek Cassandra Barnett assumed reign as Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association 1991-93 Princess.

In early June, she was crowned by Stephanie Yazzie, outgoing former princess, at the OCMA's regular meeting.

Barnett will reign as OCMA Princess from 1991 through 1993. She attends Capitol Hill High School where she was the 1991 band queen. Barnett will enter her sophomore school year with a grade-point average of 3.80.

This summer she is employed at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center as a



filing clerk. She also is attending workshops at the Red Rock Mental Health Center to qualify her as a lay instructor/counselor for teenage pregnancy prevention on a community level.

Barnett, a member of the First Indian Baptist Mission of Moore, is the daughter of Sandy and Betty Barnett of Oklahoma City. Her maternal grandmother is Mattie Fields of Eufaula. Her paternal grandfather is the late Hixie Barnett of Weleetka.

Princess runners-up were Jane Milam, first; Theda Raulston, second and Christy Leaf, third.

During her reign, Yazzie volunteered for the Children's Convalescent Center. She represented the association at numerous Indian and non-Indian functions such as Red Earth, The Gathering of Nation's Pow Wow, Albuquerque, N.M., Dallas Pow Wow, rodeos and several city parades. Yazzie received a letter from Gov. David Walters commending her "hard work and efforts."



## Chartered Community News

### Checotah

Four JTPA youths are working at the Checotah Indian Community Center. Workers are Shawnee Harper, Jeremy July, Fred Burkhalter and David Moham. The boys have been busy cleaning up and painting around the center, said Brenda Phillips, smokeshop employee. The community has hired Drew Skaggs, a Creek student at Oklahoma State University, to do work for community elders. Skaggs will be mowing lawns, gardening and painting. For his assistance, elders 55 and over may call Lucille Courtwright, treasurer, from 1 to 3 p.m. at 473-5200.

■ In May, the community awarded Checotah High School Senior Lillie Thomas a \$500 scholarship.

### Sapulpa

Sapulpa Indian Community has demonstration classes every Monday evening at 7 p.m. Demonstrations are given in cake decorating by Glenda Wells; T-shirt appliques by Norma Bunch; and t-shirt and tennis shoe painting by Linda Harjo. A flower arrangement demonstration will be given July 15. This fall, the community hopes to have more indepth classes on some of the demonstrations that have been given, said Phyllis Warrington, community treasurer.

■ Because of the ceremonial ground season Yuchi language classes taught on Sundays have been cancelled. Classes will be given on Tuesdays only, Warrington said. Mvskoke language classes tentatively are being cancelled throughout the summer and will resume in the fall, she said.

■ Muscogee (Creek) Nation voting precinct has been changed to the Sapulpa Indian Community office located at 1030 E. Taft St., Suite 101. The precinct was formerly Sapulpa Headstart.

### Tulsa

Tulsa Creek Indian Community Treasurer Vic Childers said the community's concession stand brought in more than \$400 at the 1991 Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo and called the stand a success. The community also expressed its thanks to Community Member Ted McHenry and family. McHenry and his family donated their time and the use of the concession wagon. Community members also want to thank all who patronized its concession. Childers said the community is considering the operation of the concession at upcoming functions such as pow wows.

■ The community will host a cookout and swim party for the Tulsa children that participated in the festival's Youth Olympics. The party will be given at 1411 S. Knoxville St. in Tulsa on July 15, 6 p.m.

■ Okemah Randall received the office of community vice-chairperson by acclamation, Childers, said.

### Muskogee

Muskogee Indian Community will host a picnic at Honor Heights Park July 20. The picnic will begin at 4 p.m. and games such as volleyball, baseball and horseshoes will be played.

■ Community members are currently conducting a feasibility study on the need for an elderly nutrition program in Muskogee.

### Holdenville

In May, Holdenville Indian Community members hosted a banquet for their 17 graduating seniors. Guest speakers included Victor Childers, representing Muscogee (Creek) National Council Speaker Kenneth Childers, Second Chief Perry



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Holdenville Indian Community seniors Pam Eskamire, Chris McGirt, Jim Laine, Augusta West and Stacy Dyer show off a cake given in honor of the community's graduates. The seniors also were given gift certificates.

Beaver and Jimmy Hill, social services manager. Each of the five seniors present received gifts from Board Member Patricia Lowe. A camera and headset were given away as door prizes; winners were Christina Baugh and Tammy Harjo.

■ Kenda Lowe, 14, of Holdenville finished second in the youth division of the Shawnee Health Service's Fun Run. Her time was 15 minutes, 35 seconds in the 13-19 age division. Billy Mills, Olympic gold medal winner, awarded Kenda with an autographed sweatshirt. Kenda is the granddaughter of Angel Lowe and the late Lizzie Lowe.

### Hanna

Hanna Indian Community will host softball, volleyball, horseshoe and domino tournaments in conjunction with Hanna's annual Watermelon Festival on Aug. 2-3. The community has hosted activities with the festival for the past three years. The community also will have an arts and crafts show and a flea market from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Arts and crafts and flea market setup is free. The community will have watermelon and cantelope for sale, said Wanda Harjo, reporter. Entry fee for the softball tournament is \$65 and the volleyball tournament fee is \$30. Entry fee deadline is July 31.

■ Twenty-three children brought home nine medals at the Creek Nation Festival Youth Olympics in Okmulgee.

■ The community's May softball tournament winner was the Oklahoma Seminoles. Second place was Charles Deere of Eufaula and Dewar was third.

### Eufaula

Eufaula Indian Community's fifth annual Eufaula Labor Day Powwow will be Aug. 31-Sept. 1-2 at Eastside Ballpark in Eufaula. Head staff is Jim Anquoe, Kiowa, of El Reno; head man dancer, Norman Newrider, Pawnee, of Cushing; head lady dancer, Julia Tiger, Creek, of Tulsa; head gourd dancer, Cliff Reeder, Kiowa, of Oklahoma City. Master of ceremonies is Stanley John, Navajo, of Tahlequah. Arena directors are Lee and Walter Larney. Coed softball, horseshoe pitch and a domino tournament and archery contest also will be played

in conjunction with the powwow. The coed softball tournament team limit is 16 teams. The \$70 entry fee is due by Aug. 23. Arts and crafts booths also will be available for \$50 or \$20 per day. For more information call (918) 689-5066. In the Oklahoma City area call (405) 732-1359, after 6 p.m.

### Koweta

Koweta Indian Community fielded a team of 26 children in the Creek Nation Festival Youth Olympics.

## Reunions

### Harley family

OKMULGEE -- The Harley family reunion will be Aug. 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Creek Nation Housing for Disabled and Elderly's community building. Family members are asked to bring covered dishes, food, paper plates, eating utensils and beverages. Contact Esther Marie Harley Grona at (918) 756-2303.

### Francis family

EUFAULA -- The Francis family reunion will be July 13 at Artussee Baptist Church. Family members are asked to bring a covered dish and a dessert. Any contributions will be welcome. Contact Anna King at (918) 437-5953 or Rose Mary Sulphur at (816) 358-2576. Food and volleyball available.

### Bruner family

OKMULGEE -- As many as 40 relatives and friends attended the Bruner family reunion here May 27. The guest list included: Billy Bruner, Carol Bruner, Ashley Cash, Brice and Charlotte Anderson and children, O.W. Doyle, Bud Morgan, Lane Morgan, Nancy Jukich, Connie Olsen, Frances Brazeal, Betty Bruton, Roy Bruton, Shiquita Hamilton, Danny Butler, Butch Bruner, Donna Beaver, Syble Fleetwood, Mickey and Margaret Fleetwood, Kimberly Bruner Cash, Valerie Bruner, Rachel Bruner, Lisa Bruner, Chelsea Bruner, Danile Bruner, Suzanne and Tara Chambers and Marcy and Agnes Moore.



## Legislative Overview

How They Voted	NCA 91-38 Reconsider veto of the tribal employee income tax bill. Override failed: 7 yes, 14 no, 1 abstention.	NCA 91-49 Reconsider veto of a bill providing attorney fees for David Wilde. Override failed: 13 yes, 11 no.	NCA 91-47 Extending an attorney contract with William Rice. To approve. Passed: 17 yes, 5 no.	NCA 91-42 Authorize interest income for dormitory operating expense. To approve. Passed: 23 yes, 0 no.	NCA 91-41 Supply burial program. To approve. Passed: 23 yes, 0 no.
George Almerigi, Okmulgee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Richard Berryhill, Wagoner	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Larry Bible, Tulsa	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eugene Birdcreek, Okfuskee	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Johnson Buck, Hughes	Absent	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robert Buck, Hughes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mose Cahwee, Creek	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ken Childers, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Did not vote	Did not vote	Did not vote
Helen Chupco, Muskogee	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clarence Cloud, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Helen Duncan, Wagoner	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bill Fife, Okfuskee	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Ed Frye, Creek	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tony Hale, Okmulgee	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mae Jackson, Okfuskee	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Frank Kamp, McIntosh	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Charlie Litsey, Okmulgee	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Harley Little, Muskogee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Tommy Newton, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Tom Pickering, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Donna Rhodes, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Earl Wheeler, Creek	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jerry Wilson, Tulsa	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Thomas Yahola, Hughes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



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The 29-member tribal legislature approved the tax bill at its May session. The bill would have exempted tribal employees from paying state income tax and require them to pay a tribal withholding tax.

Cox wrote in his veto message that the bill was premature since the tax commission is appealing that decision. Cox also rejected the bill saying no provision for enforcement or collections were made in the proposal.

-- failed to override a veto of bill that would have appropriated \$10,000 for David Wilde of Glenpool for legal fees. Wilde is involved in a custody battle for his son, now residing in California. Cox wrote in his veto message that providing attorney's fees for tribal citizens is a dangerous precedent that would lead to similar requests;

-- approved the release of \$20,000 of interest earned from a Bureau of Indian Affairs grant for operating expenses at the Eufaula Dormitory for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Tulsa District Rep. Larry Bible said the reason the dormitory needed money for operating expense is because dorm personnel received 6 percent cost-of-living increases without Council approval.

Dormitory administrator Greg Anderson told the Council he had nothing to do with the salary increases and noted that he had not come to the Council for money in two years;

-- authorized the tribe's election board to hold constitutional referendums on the December general election ballot. Proposed amendments include limiting the terms of chief, establishing residency requirements for National Council members and modifying language for candidates unopposed for office;

- appropriated an additional \$42,900 from bingo revenues to supplement the tribe's burial assistance program;

-- approved budget modifications from BIA contracted programs for the fiscal year 1991 budget; and

-- approved a resolution calling for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management to require documentation of Indian heritage for federal employees claiming to be Indian.

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Eugene Birdcreek, Mae Jackson, Clyde Johnson; **Oklmulgee:** George Almerigi, Harvey Gilroy, Tony Hale, **Seminole/Hughes:** Johnson Buck, Robert Buck, Thomas Yahola; **Tulsa:** Jerry Wilson

Those voting against the bill (6):

**Creek:** Mose Cahwee, Ed Frye, **McIntosh:** Sandy McIntosh, Tommy Newton; **Okfuskee:** Bill Fife; **Okmulgee:** Charlie Litsey.

Those abstaining (3): **Creek:** Clarence Cloud; **Tulsa:** Irene Cleghorn, Donna Rhodes

Absent: Thomas Berryhill, Larry Bible, Frank Kamp.  
Speaker Ken Childers did not vote.



## Headliners

### Clay Campbell

NORMAN -- Clay Campbell, a Creek from Okmulgee, won the Native American Outstanding Professional Academic Achievement Award for the second consecutive year.

Campbell is a student at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine-Tulsa. He is the recipient of the national William and Charlotte Cadbury Award, and ranks as one of the top three minority students in the country.

Campbell has a 3.7 grade point average, placing him in the top quarter of his class. He graduated cum laude from Bucknell University with a bachelor's degree in biology. He has been active in the Association of Native American Medical Students, and has volunteered at several health clinics and hospitals.

He served as co-president of the OU College of Medicine-Tulsa Student Group and was named to its Resident/Student Health Policy Task Force and to the college's Dean's Conference Committee.

### Zac Anderson

HOLDENVILLE -- Zac Anderson, Creek, was among 45 American Indian and Alaska Native youth who participated in UNITY's Native American Earth Day activities in Washington, D.C. The group focused on addressing the 12 related goals of the National Youth Agenda -- spirituality, unity, environment, heritage, sovereignty, family, individual, education, health, economy, sobriety and services. Earth Ambassadors spent a week organizing and discussing contemporary environmental issues, preparing for Earth day ceremonies and sharpening and displaying leadership skills. UNITY, United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc., is a national non-profit organization designed to serve the individual and collective needs of American Indian and Alaska Native youth.

### Jessica Cahwee

KELLYVILLE -- Jessica Cahwee has been selected to represent the state of Oklahoma in a national talent competition in Charleston, W.Va. Jessica will play a solo selection on the piano. She has been taking lessons for six years. Jessica is one-half Euchee and is an eighth grade student at Kellyville Middle School. She is the daughter of Larry and Charlene Cahwee and the granddaughter of Bessie Cahwee of Kellyville and Charles and Lora Billy of Kellyville.



### Jack Rushing

BASKING RIDGE, N.J. -- Jack Rushing, a Creek citizen, has been selected to participate in the Indians Into Medicine summer medical school preparation institute.

Rushing, a senior-to-be at Ridge High School here, will attend the institute for five weeks (June 9-July 13). The INMED Summer Institute is at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine in Grand Forks, N.D.

At the institute, instruction is given in college mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, health

sciences, laboratory science and medial and health sciences professions counseling. Participants work in medical facilities and are involved in laboratory sessions.

Rushing is the only Native American selected for the Summer Institute from the Atlantic region and northeastern United States. He is on the honor roll at Ridge High and plays soccer, golf and wrestles. In 1990, he received the Booth Agency Award as Ridge's most improved wrestler.

Rushing is the son of Barbara and Jack Rushing of Basking Ridge and the grandson of Theda and Jack Rushing and of Dorothy and Bob Bell.

### Jessica Elaine Smith

SAN DIEGO, Calif. -- Jessica Elaine Smith, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. (Kathy) Clark Smith of San Diego, was given several awards at the ninth grade promotion ceremony at Standley Junior High School.

Jessica, 14, received recognition for achieving a 4.0 grade point average for the past six semesters. She also was a member of the California Junior Scholastic Federation and was on the Principal's Honor Roll for six semesters.

She received the Presidential Academic Fitness Award and an honors award for placing in the top seven percent of California students taking the Golden State Math Examination. She also received excellence awards in social studies, foreign language and physical education.

Jessica has been active in the leadership of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship and this summer will be a youth leader when the group travels to the Villa Rancheria Indian Reservation near Fresno to paint and repair homes for Native Americans. She also was in charge of an ongoing recycling project at her church that directly benefitted the fellowship's projects and activities.

Her grandparents are Paul and Florence (Dunson) McElroy of Wetumka and the niece of Jonas Dunson, Gene Dunson, Earl Dunson, Agnes Canard, Virginia Webb and Kathryn Scott.

### Adrienne Berryhill

NOBLE -- Adrienne Berryhill of Noble has been named a United States National Award winner by the United States Achievement Academy.

Berryhill of Noble Middle School will be included into the organization's official yearbook. The academy recognizes less than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Criteria includes a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and teachers or director recommendation.

Adrienne's national award came in the mathematics category.

Adrienne is the daughter of Estella and Al Berryhill. Grandparents are Cindy Holata of Okemah and Martha Nazworthy of Sapulpa.

### Travis Screechowl

SAPULPA -- Travis Screechowl was the state winner in the grade 9-12 mixed media category of the 1991 Oklahoma Indian Student Art Show sponsored by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

Student artists competed in six regional art shows and the regional winners were then eligible to compete in the recent statewide art show during the 12th annual Oklahoma Indian Education Exposition at the University of Oklahoma.

Travis' entry was a set of wood-carved Creek ballsticks which were used in the Creek game of stickball. Travis learned the art of carving ballsticks from his father, Ed Screechowl, who learned from his father, Raymond Screechowl. His second-place entry was a hawk feather hair piece.

Travis' art was exhibited at the Center of the American Indian during May and will be featured in June at the state education department.

Travis also earned two blue awards and best of class at the 1991 Creek County 4-H Home Environment Show. His photo of a tree at sunset received the blue award and best of class in the best individual photo category. His photo of a scene at Walt Disney World also received a blue award.

### Kristen Childers

GLENPOOL -- Kristen Jean Childers, Creek, was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Coweta Schools.

Kristen, 13, maintains a 4.0 grade point average. She also was elected captain of the eighth grade cheerleading squad and participates on the basketball and track teams.

She also is the pitcher for the Glenpool Hayes Yankees fastpitch softball team that went undefeated in its league this year.

Kristen is the daughter of Ken and Billie Childers and the granddaughter of JoAnn and the late Andy Bible of Glenpool and the late Violet and Mose Childers of Coweta.

### Myron Howard

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. -- Myron K. Howard of Sapulpa is among 3,526 Southwest Missouri Students listed on the spring 1991 semester honor roll. Criteria: Students must maintain at least a 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale and complete at least six hours during the semester. Howard is the son of Anita Baltou and the grandson of the Rev. Jake and Marina Wildcat of Sapulpa.

### Kokee Spring Beaver

KINDER, La. -- Kokee Spring Beaver has been awarded an eight-year medal for dance in pointe, ballet, tap and modern jazz from Bruchhause Dance Center in Kinder.

Beaver is a 1991 graduate of Kinder Junior High School. She has been active in 4-H, serving as club secretary, cheerleader and band. She is a member of the Kinder High School Rifle Squad.

She participated in the Coushatta Tribe in Elton, La., for a Native American dance exhibition July 4.

She is the daughter of Vance and Barbara Beaver of Kinder.





## Senior Spotlight



**Alicia Marie Stensgard**  
(Creek)

**School:** Clallam Bay High School, Clallam Bay, Wash.

**Parents:** James and the late Diana Factor Stensgard. **Grandparents:** Elizabeth Davis of Okmulgee (maternal), Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stensgard of Nome, N.D. (paternal). **Great-grandmother:** Ada Scott of Okemah (maternal).

**Activities:** Freshman Pep Club, FHA, basketball (freshman, senior years, captain), varsity volleyball (four years, co-captain), track (four years), band (three years), marching band (two years), Teen Hotline (junior year); Mid-Eastern 4A All-Conference track team (sophomore year) and Mid-Eastern 4A All-Conference volleyball team (junior year), Knowledge Bowl, National Honor Society secretary, annual staff, Letter Persons Club (four years), Math Team (two years), Senior Class president, student council.

**Honors/awards:** Valedictorian, student of the month (two years), honor roll (four years), freshman football princess and basketball queen, Mary Michelen Outstanding Girls' Athlete Award; track (fourth in state 200-meter hurdles), Most Valuable Player, Most Improved, Presidential Academic Fitness Award and Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award, fourth in 100- and 300-meter hurdles in regionals (sophomore year), volleyball and track MVP Award (junior year), volleyball and basketball Most Inspirational Award, Who's Who Among American High School Students (two years), All-

American Academic Scholar Program (senior year), third in 300-meter hurdles in state meet (senior year).

**Plans to attend:** Western Washington University, Bellingham, Wash.



**Christopher Michael Miller** (Creek)

**School:** Sapulpa High School.

**Parents:** Donna L. Boshuizen of Bristow and Michael F. Miller of San Diego. **Grandparents:** Juanita Bowman of Bristow and Dr. and Floyd Miller of Tulsa.

**Activities:** Student Council/CIA, Art Club representative, bicycle freestyling (fourth in nation, first in Oklahoma - sponsored by Bicycle's of Tulsa), first and second-place awards in Southern Hills Country Club golf tournament, played soccer 10 years.

**Honors/awards:** PAF Outstanding Academic Achievement, AAUW Top 10 Boys, Gifted/Talented, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Outstanding Witness Awards in OBF Oklahoma Mock Trial (four consecutive), Outstanding Attorney Award in OBF Oklahoma Mock Trial 1990, French Honor Society (superior ratings in Oklahoma Baptist University contest), Sapulpa Schools Art Show (first place and two honorable mentions), Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Interest in Citizenship (1991), academic letter, physics award, United States Recognition for Mathematics, Certificate of Achievement for 1991 (Johnson-O'Malley Student Recognition Award).

**Plans to attend:** University of California at Berkeley to pursue a

career in environmental engineering.



**Jeremiah Brant Lasley**  
(Creek)

**School:** Center High School, Kansas City, Mo.

**Parents:** Monroe and Lovina Lasley.

**Grandparents:** Annie Walker of Earlsboro and the late Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Lasley.

**Activities:** Four-year letterman in football and wrestling and lettered one year in baseball.

**Plans to attend:** Missouri Western University in St. Joseph, Mo.



**DeAnn Jennings** (Creek)  
**School:** Glenpool High School.

**Parents:** Mary Jennings of Glenpool and Bobby Jennings of Okmulgee.

**Activities:** Heritage Club.

**Plans to attend:** Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo., and pursue a nursing degree.



**Tawyna Lowe** (Creek)  
**School:** Weleetka High School.

**Parents:** Tony Lowe and Brenda Lowe, Weleetka. **Grandparents:** John and Minnie Lowe and Cecil and Ethel Martin, Weleetka.

**Activities:** Basketball (four years), band (three years), volleyball (two years).

**Plans to attend:** Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, to begin law career.



**Joanna Lee Childers**  
(Creek)

**School:** Glenpool High School.

**Parents:** Ken and Billie Childers.

**Activities:** Basketball (three years), track (three years), softball (two years).

**Honors/awards:** Student of the month, Principal's honor roll, Tulsa Seven All-Star team (basketball), All-Conference team (basketball), All-County team (basketball), Metro team (basketball), outstanding defensive player (basketball), qualifier for state track meet (200-yard dash), Blue-Grey Award (track), outstanding runner award (track), all-around athlete award.

**Plans to attend:** Tulsa Junior College and Northeastern State University to major in drafting engineering.



**Heather Kay Casey**  
(Creek)

**School:** Okemah High School.

**Parents:** Sandra Bar-

nett Casey and the late Burton Casey.

**Grandparents:** Mr. and Mrs. Barney Barnett of Wichita Falls, Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hooper of Okemah. Also the niece of Sam Barnett of Oklahoma City and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Barnett of Eufaula.

**Activities:** football pep club, Keywanettes, FFA, library aide, office aide, basketball pep club captain.

**Honors/awards:** \$200 East Central State University Minority Teaching Scholarship, Academic Excellence Award at Okfuskee County All-Indian Banquet, March student of the month, represented school in accounting and algebra state contests.

**Grade point average:** 4.0 on 4.0 scale.

**Plans to attend:** East Central State University, Ada, to major in elementary education.



**Thomasena Dunson**  
(Yuchi/Creek)

**School:** Eastern Hills High School, Fort Worth, Texas.

**Parents:** Frances Dunson and M.G. Dunson of Fort Worth.

**Church:** St. Rita Catholic Church of Fort Worth.

**Activities:** Honor roll, Spanish Club, Child Development, basketball, track, volleyball and Future Business Leaders of America.

**Interests:** tap and ballet dancing, traveling and childcare.

**Plans to attend:** University of Texas at Austin then transfer to Texas A&M University, College Station.



**Lila Fay Garrett** (Creek)  
**School:** Preston High School.

**Parents:** Lillian and Jim Thomas of Okmulgee and Margie and Thurman T. Garrett Jr. of Muskogee.

**Grandparents:** Lillie and the late Jinkie Thomas of Preston (maternal), Thurman T. Garrett and the late Virgie Garrett (paternal).

**Activities:** Basketball (junior year), Johnson-O'Malley counselor.

**Honors/awards:** \$3,000 Hannigan Foundation Scholarship to Oklahoma State University/Okmulgee.

**Plans to attend:** OSU/Okmulgee then transfer to University of Oklahoma in fall of 1992.



**Haikey Star Beaver**  
(Creek)

**School:** Kinder (La.) High School.

**Parents:** Vance and Barbara Beaver of Kinder.

**Activities:** Future Homemakers of America (vice president four years), parish historian, FHA Sweetheart, most talented (senior year), Bruchause Dance Center (14 years), native dancing at powwows in Louisiana and Texas.

■ To be included in Senior Spotlight, send information regarding your graduate to The Muscogee Nation News, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Include name, school, activities, honors/awards and post-school plans.



## Education In Brief

### Haskell Indian Junior College lists seven Muscogee spring graduates

LAWRENCE, Kan. -- Seven Creeks were among the more than 100 students who completed graduation requirements at Haskell Junior College.

Haskell, an intertribal institution, has an average enrollment of more than 800 students representing 139 tribes from 39 states.

Creeks graduates were Lee W. Hall of Conway Springs, Laura L. Harjo of Sapulpa, Okla., Richard Melton of Claremore, Okla., Clifford C. Sealy Jr. of Okemah, Okla., David A. Skeeter of Lawrence, Becky Whitetree of Lawrence and Fred Frye of Henryetta, Okla.

Hall and Whitetree were on the president's honor roll. Harjo was on the dean's honor roll.

Fall Creek graduates were Darlene Fields of Norman, Okla., and Edward Shinogee of Lawrence.

### Seven Creeks earn fellowships from graduate center program

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. -- Seven Creeks were among the 304 students who were awarded American Indian Graduate Center graduate fellowships during the 1989-90 and 1990 summer semesters.

Creek students receiving fellowships were Lyn F. Benavides (University of Wisconsin), Carolyn S. Bigpond (University of New Mexico), Kessler Bigpond (UNM), John H. Hunter (Harvard University), David L. Leader (Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine), Tabatha L. LeVeau (San Jose State University) and Victor L. Richardson (Oral Roberts University).

### JTPA grads launch new careers

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation's JTPA office lists seven graduates who have completed training and are now employed in their respective fields.

The Job Training Partnership Act program offers employment training to eligible Native Americans. Graduates include:

-- Paula Dunn from Morris, Bryan Institute of Tulsa, certificate in medical assistant, now employed with Guy Baldwin, D.O., in Tulsa;

-- Dewey (Dick) Jernigan from Sapulpa, Tulsa Barber Styling College, licensed as a basic operator, now employed at AllState Style Shop in Tulsa;

-- Phyllis Thierry from Okmulgee, Oklahoma State University/Okmulgee, associate degree as legal secretary, now employed with Donald Henson Inc. of Okmulgee;

-- Neal Brunson from Haskell, Virgil's Beauty College of Muskogee, now employed at Reggis, Arrowhead Mall in Muskogee;

-- Alan Rundell from Coweta, OSU/Okmulgee, associate degree, employed with the 3M Commercial Graphics division plant in Olathe, Kan.;

-- Eric Jernigan from Sapulpa, Tulsa Barber College, now employed at Bel-Air Style and Barber Shop in Tulsa;

-- Gerald Wilson from Okmulgee, OSU/Okmulgee, associate degree in construction, now employed with Cust-O-Fab in Sand Springs.

### Glenpool Creeks earn recognition

GLENPOOL -- Several Creek students at Glenpool Schools won contests and received recognition at the state level. Among them:

## Religion In Brief

### Holdenville singing to feature at least 10 groups July 19-20

HOLDENVILLE -- The 24th Annual Buck Memorial All Night Gospel Singing will be July 19-20 at Buck Memorial Park.

The park is located one mile west and two miles south of Holdenville on Spaulding Road.

Singing will begin at 7 p.m. Groups scheduled to appear are the Antone Indian family, Gloryland Express, Exedour, Unity, The Singing Orphans, The Master's Life Singers, The Prodigals, Kings Image and the Crystal River Band. The host group is the Buck Family.

Blackie Buck and Judy Foster will be the masters of ceremony.

Admission is free and all are invited to bring lawn chairs and hear southern gospel singing.

In the event of rain, the singing will be moved to the Holdenville Indian Community Center.

### Buckeye Creek Baptist plans memorial, singing July 19-20

MASON -- Buckeye Creek Baptist Church will host a memorial and annual singing July 19-20. Robert Jones of Muskogee Sounds will be the emcee.

### Springfield Methodist to host all-night gospel singing July 20

OKEMAH -- Springfield Methodist Church will host its annual all-night gospel singing on July 20.

The church is two miles south of Okemah, four miles east and one mile south.

Groups invited include Country Gospel of Okemah, Heaven Bound of Marble City, Psalms Quartet of Weleetka, Grayson Family of Stilwell, Gospel Tone of Tulsa, New Life Praise of Oklahoma City and Larry Harrison Family.

-- Stacey Brown, Lori Glory and Zane Wise of Glenpool were accepted into the Oklahoma Indian Honor Society.

Stacey is the daughter of Virginia and Johnny Brown and carries a 3.7 grade-point average. She plans to attend college at Tulsa Junior College or Northeastern State University to major in business administration.

Lori is the daughter of Terry Glory and carries a 3.73 GPA. She plans to attend Oklahoma State University in the fall and major in medicine.

Zane is the son of Janet and Tim Wise. He is a freshman with a 3.5 GPA. After graduation he plans to attend college and major in tribal management.

-- Andrea Bible won the state Indian Education spelling bee. She is the daughter of Shelly and Larry Bible and is a fifth grade student at Glenpool Elementary School. Kenneth Warrior of Glenpool also participated in the spelling bee.

-- Alicia Barnett, Wise, John Skeeter and Randy Edge competed for the Glenpool Indian Trivia Team at the state exposition this spring.

-- Skeeter's painting was named best of show at the Oklahoma Indian Student Art Show in Pawnee. Warrior also won the mixed media division for grades fifth through eighth. Wise was second in mixed media and Jonathan Brese was third in mixed media for grades kindergarten through fourth. Catherine Warrior was second.



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

The Rev. John Lowe was featured moderator at the Northeast District Senior Methodist Conference at Big Cussetah Methodist Church.

### M-S-W group to elect officers at conference Aug. 14-18

YARDEKA -- The Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Baptist Association will host its annual meeting Aug. 14-18 at the association's assembly grounds.

The association is compiled of more than 60 Indian baptist churches. Officers for 1991-92 will be elected among other items of business.

On Aug. 31, the association will have a music appreciation day at the assembly grounds. All music ministers, choirs, and musicians are encouraged to attend.

## Genealogy Search

I am Yvonna Chance McCombs, born to Creek Indian mother, Vernia Grayson Chance Checote (Checotah), and reared in Okmulgee County. I attended Eufaula Boarding School during the years of 1937 and 1946 and graduated from Preston Schools in 1950.

My mother, Vernia, was born to Robert Grayson Jr. and Lizzie Lowe Grayson. I would like to hear from other family members of Robert Grayson Jr. so that I may receive more information about my maternal grandfather, Robert Grayson Jr. from other members who knew him better than I knew him. I know that he had remarried and I would like to hear from the children of that marriage.

It is my understanding that our Graysons originated around the Eufaula area.

Yvonna McCombs, P.O. Box 87, Rankin, TX 79778

I am a Coushatta Indian from Louisiana, and I have always been interested in researching my family name, Sickey. While I have not conducted any indepth research, I am interested in knowing if there are any last names such as mine appearing in any of your tribal rolls or family names.

Ernest Sickey, 100 St. Gregory, Apt. D, Youngsville, LA, 70592



## Birthdays

### Holly Marie Dunn

MORRIS — Holly Marie Dunn celebrated her second birthday on June 3 at McDonald's Restaurant in Okmulgee. Guests included her brother George Jr., nine cousins and three friends. Holly is the daughter of George and Barbara Dunn of Morris. Grandparents are Roy and Eliza Sanders of Stilwell and Charley Holcomb of Tahlequah and Joan Dunn of Morris and the late Wesley Dunn Sr. Her great-grandparents are Jennie Pritchett and Eliza Holcomb, both of Tahlequah, and Ruby Sanders of Stilwell.



### Ty Douglas

EUFAULA — Ty Douglas celebrates her third birthday on July 20. She is the daughter of Bruce and Missy Douglas. Ty is the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy McIntosh of Stidham. Sandy McIntosh is a National Council McIntosh District representative.



### Joe Motty Beaver

TUCSON, Ariz. — Joe Martin Beaver, also known as Mot Hutka (White Martin), full-blood Muskogee, celebrated his 90th birthday on Feb. 23. His wife, Gretchen, turned 91 the day before. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in April. Joe Beaver, a member of Tukabatche Tribal Town and of the Coon Clan, was born in the Salem community east of Henryetta. His mother was Rosa Beaver Starr, one of the founders of Hickory Ground No. 1 Baptist Church.



## Obituaries

### Norman H. Gregory

JENKS — Norman H. Gregory, 83, died May 25 in Jenks. Services were May 28 at Jenks United Methodist Church with burial at South Heights Cemetery in Sapulpa. Gregory was born April 1, 1908 near Jenks, the son of Noah G. and Carrie E. Gregory. He graduated from Central State College at Edmond with a bachelor of arts degree and the University of North Dakota with a masters degree. He served as an educator with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in North and South Dakota for 30 years, culminating his career as area director for education for Indian schools in North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska. In 1932, he married Katherine Wilson, who preceeded him in death. He was a member of Jenks United Methodist Church and of the Masonic Lodge. Survivors: his wife, Maxine of Jenks; a sister, Clemmie De Garimore of Tulsa; two daughters, Norman Katherine Overstreet of Mount Vernon, Wash., and Ree Greenwood of Atchison, Kan; three step-children, Bette Kennedy, Tom Edmiston and Robert Edmiston of Jenks, 11 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

### Amos Deo

HANNA — Amos Deo, 90, of Hanna died May 30 at his home after an extended illness. Services were June 3 at the Weogufkee Indian Baptist Church in Hanna with the Revs. Jimmy Anderson, Rudolph Colbert and Willie Herrod officiating. Burial was in the Weogufkee Cemetery under the direction of the Merritt Funeral Service, Eufaula Chapel. Deo was born in Indian Territory, McIntosh County on June 17, 1900 to Thomas and Nancy Deo. He was married to Ada Simmons on March 13, 1926. He worked for McDonald-Douglas Aircraft during World War II and drove for Yellow Cab of Tulsa. He also worked for the Colorado Oil Fields and was a retired farmer. During his lifetime, Deo served as BYPU usher in 1935 and served as a deacon's helper in 1937. He was ordained to full deacon in 1954 at Wekiwa by the Revs. Marvin Kelly, Roley Haynes, Newman McIntosh and James Martin. He was baptised in 1924 while attending Bacone College and later transferred his membership to Weogufkee Indian Baptist. He was a member of the Deep Fork Community Action program for several years and served as a Creek National Councilman. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Margie Deo, and a son, John Deo. Survivors: his wife Ada of the home; one son, Thomas J. Deo

## Mvto

### From the family members of Amos Deo:

We cannot thank all of you enough for your prayers and concern during the time of our family crisis. A very important Christian man has departed from us, whose heart held an unshakeable conviction in whom he believed and served the Principles of Jesus Christ. In time of bereavement, perhaps we begin to understand the meaning of immortality. Life must go on, and so must we. God still rules, God is good. A very sincere thank you.

### From the Louis Oliver family:

We'd like to thank Creek Nation, family and friends and the library group from the family of Louis Oliver, Ethel Cardinal, Hettie Dearston and Virginia Bell.

of Hanna, two foster daughters, Amy Bruner of Holdenville and Susie Harjo of the home, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

### Youman Lasley

MAGDELENA, N.M. — Youman Lasley, 57, died April 27 at his home here. Services were May 3 at St. Mary Magdalene in Magdalena. Lasley was born Nov. 30, 1933 in Hanna, Okla. Survivors: his wife Lupe Lasley and son Irean Lasley of the home; two brothers, Monroe Lasley of Kansas City, Mo., and Jimmy Lasley of Red Lake, Minn.; two sisters, Mattie Thomas and Rose Kelly both of Okmulgee and one aunt, Judy Proctor of Hanna.

### Myrtle Gertrude Meares

MUSKOGEE — Myrtle G. Meares, 90, of Muskogee died June 30 in a Muskogee nursing home. Services were July 3 with the Rev. Phil Ware officiating. A lifelong resident of Muskogee, Meares was born March 31, 1901 in Muskogee, Indian Territory. She was the daughter of James and Stella (Tiger) Evans. She was a retired Bureau of Indian Affairs employee. Burial was in the Greenhill cemetery with Don Peters, Ed Lowry, Lynn Nolen, Calvin Moore and Tommy Goodson serving as pallbearers. Survivors: two sons, James Meares of Tulsa and Cecil Cecil Meares of Huntsville, Texas; one daughter, Iris Eby of Stillwater; five grandchildren; two sisters, Phidelta Neal of Beggs and Arletta Anderson of Oklahoma City.

## State News In Brief

### Tribal leaders team to create corporation to develop center

OKLAHOMA CITY — Muskogee (Creek) Principal Chief Claude Cox was among five tribal leaders who signed an agreement to develop an American Indian Cultural and Historic Center.

The agreement creates a nonprofit corporation to preserve American Indian culture, traditions and history as well as provide information and research to promote Indian economic development within Oklahoma.

Other Indian leaders signing the agreement: Seminole Nation Chief Jerry Haney, Sac and Fox Chief Elmer Manatowa, Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Absentee Shawnee Gov. Larry Nuckles.

Negotiations for the development site of the

center are continuing and fund raising efforts have begun.

For information, contact Gov. Anoatubby at (405) 436-2603 or the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department at (405) 521-2406.

### Indian legal advocacy group hires Creek lawyer as executive director

OKLAHOMA CITY — Mildred Harjo Ware, Creek-Yuchi, was hired as executive director of Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) at the legal advocacy group's quarterly meeting.

OILS is an Indian legal aid office created in 1981 for the provision of free legal services to low income Indians statewide.

Ware served as a staff attorney for OILS for three-and-a-half years and was in private practice for the past year. She is a 1985 graduate of Creighton University School of Law.

### Former health board member announces retirement from city

OKMULGEE — Abe McIntosh, former Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board member, has announced his retirement as Okmulgee's City Personnel Director. McIntosh served as personnel director since 1986. He stepped down from his position on the tribal health board earlier this year. McIntosh is a graduate of East Central State University and Northeastern State University where he received degrees in education.

### Creek named PR manager

TULSA — Dannette Russell, Creek, has been appointed as corporate communications manager for Indian Health Care Resource Center.

Russell is responsible for public relations, marketing and special promotions of IHRC and the Indian Business Management Center.



## Childers

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- guard against a closed tribal government;
- maintain an effective management system to assure that all programs benefit as many tribal members as possible;
- maintain strict budget integrity and insure the majority of funding is for services to Creek people;
- employ qualified Creek citizens;
- work in harmony with the Council;
- propose a Creek nursing home; and
- provide more funding on an equal basis for educational programs.

Childers said he will use Council representatives as economic development consultants "because who should know the need of each district better than the elected district representative."

A graduate of Coweta High School, Childers is veteran of the U.S. Navy. He is a graduate of Allied Institute, Chicago, and has attended the University of Oklahoma.

He has been employed by Coweta Schools in the Indian education program as a home-school coordinator, Indian counselor and program coordinator. In 1989, Coweta's Indian education program was one of nine nationally to receive recognition as a showcase project.

Childers, of Glenpool, is the son of Mose and Violet Williams Freeman Childers. He is a member of the potato clan and Locapoka tribal town. He is married to Billie Childers.

"I have always sought equality and betterment for all Creeks," Childers said. "I believe in God, the Muscogee (Creek) people and the Muscogee (Creek) Constitution," Childers said.

"As principal chief, I will perform all of the duties to the best of my knowledge and ability and will uphold the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation."

Childers is one of six announced candidates for principal chief.

## Fife

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and was employed by the tribe for 10 years.

Fife said his work experience will be beneficial for federal contracts, grants and the management of tribal operations.

He lost a 1987 bid for principal chief in a controversial election disputed by Fife.

The son of James and the late Carmen Fife of Dustin, Fife is 21/32nd Creek and a Vietnam veteran. He is a graduate of Chilocco Indian High School and Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

## Lewis

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He says his ability to understand and speak Mvskoke will be an asset in the next administration.

Lewis received an associate's degree from Connors State College and his bachelor's degree from East Central State University.

He has administered alcohol and substance abuse programs and has experience with government contracts, including work with Indian Health Service.

Lewis, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis Sr. is of the bird clan.

## Alabama

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anti-gaming church denominations in the state.

Gary Rhinehart, chief of planning and protection division for the Alabama Historic Commission, said the commission's interest is simply preservation of the site.

"We are not politically- or religiously-oriented; we take no position on the gambling," he said.

Rhinehart said the size of the bingo hall is inappropriate and will have a negative impact on the site. The commission is not opposed to small-scale development, such as the museum, or a smaller bingo hall, he said.

The commission attempted to work with the band on scaling down the 1,500-seat bingo hall, but nothing came of the attempt, Rhinehart said.

The Poarch Band acquired the land in 1980 with assistance from the historic commission. The ceremonial ground was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. The land was purchased from a private owner with a grant obtained from the U.S. National Park Service.

The owner, W.D. DeBardelaben, sold the land at the \$165,000 grant amount or half the \$330,000 appraised value.

The transaction was unique in that it is the first time federal monies were used to repurchase tribal land taken by force or treaty, Rhinehart said.

The deed was signed at Fort Jackson, the same site where Hickory Ground was signed away under Gen. Andrew Jackson's conditions to end the Creek War on Aug. 9, 1814.

In April, Larry Oaks, Alabama State Historic Commission executive director, made a public plea asking an individual to donate 15 to 20 acres of land in the Montgomery area for construction of the bingo hall, motel and restaurant.

The historic commission had planned to swap the donated land in exchange for the band's

support in helping the commission obtain congressional approval to take over ownership of 15 acres of land adjacent to Hickory Ground.

"It would look good on him; it would get it (bingo) out of our community. You know how long it takes to get land in trust; he knows it would take that much longer (for the bingo hall to be built)," Tullis said, adding Oaks wants the property because it's worth around \$300,000. Tullis also alleges Oaks wants to keep the Hickory Ground site free of development in order to excavate someday.

Oaks' office was contacted four times during July, but was unavailable for comment.

Rhinehart said he is not aware of the land's archaeological value, but speculates Oaks wants the 15 acres because "it is a great buffer area to protect Hickory Ground."

Upon acquiring the site in 1980, the band signed a 20-year covenant which allows the commission to restrict how the land may be used. In 1984 the band put Hickory Ground in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. At this time the covenant transferred to the federal agency, Rhinehart said.

This March, the band began excavation without consulting the commission, Rhinehart said. Tullis halted mitigation upon Oaks' request, Rhinehart said.

The band extracted two burials and at least two housing structures, he said. Although significant as artifacts, it does lose significance after being removed from the ground, he said.

Tullis said any human remains unearthed will be reburied. Rhinehart said these particular remains are in storage at Auburn and are awaiting reinterment pending the outcome of the development conflict.

Bill Ott, eastern U.S. director for the BIA, said upon receiving the advisory council's and commission's comments the BIA "will decide whether the issue will permit for mitigation of the site."

## Notices

### CIMA seeking program ads

The Creek Indian Memorial Association is in the process of soliciting ad space for its upcoming Fourth Annual Oklahoma Indian Art Market and Inter-Tribal Pow Wow, to be held this Sept. 20-21 at the Creek Council House in downtown Okmulgee. Due to this being an election year for tribal offices, the CIMA Board of Trustees wishes to make it known that any and all candidates running for a tribal office are welcome to purchase ad space in the OIAM Pow Wow Program. If candidates are not contacted by the CIMA's ad solicitors, they can purchase ad space by calling 756-2324.

### Artists wanted

Young Muscogee (Creek) artists are asked to submit illustrations for the tribe's upcoming Code of Laws book to be published later this year. The drawings should be a law enforcement theme. Artists should be under 18 and enrolled Creek citizens. Art work must be in black ink or pencil and posted on 8.5 by 11 or smaller display. The work must be dated and signed by the artist. Entries must be submitted by Sept. 16 to the Creek Nation Judicial Branch, P.O. Box 652, Okmulgee, OK 74447 in care of Lane Morgan, court clerk.

## Hale

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If the youth are going to be prepared to assume leadership Hale says tribal government can prepare youth for future endeavors. Hale however, says there are other important lessons.

"Education has always been a priority of the tribal government," Hale said in his release, "But we should remember that the most important lessons are the ones learned in home from parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles."

Hale, 31, is a graduate of Okmulgee High School and Oklahoma State University/Okmulgee where he graduated with honors in automotive technology and general education. He is president of the Okmulgee School Board and a founder of the Okmulgee Junior Football Association. He owns Hale Automotive and is a member of the Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce.

Married to the former Debbie Lunsford, Hale and his wife have two sons, Tony Jr., 13, and Mark, 10. The son of Brent and Bernice (Harjo) Hale, Hale is the grandson of Lewis Harjo and Lonie (Givens) Harjo.



## Lawsuit

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against tribal administrators for misuse of funds and other malfeasance. IHS did not file charges against the administration and resumed its cash advances early in 1990.

The administration has since filed suit against IHS in federal district court.

According to the ordinance, upon receipt of the IHS funds, the board was to have returned the bingo revenue loan.

The board however, was instructed by Creek District Rep. Ed Frye not to return the money. Frye, chair of the Business and Governmental Services Committee, said he would not comment on the lawsuit because he had not seen it yet.

In the January edition of *The Muscogee Nation News*, Crow said she believed an ordinance was required before she could return the funds.

As of July 3, neither Crow nor Foster had been served with subpoenas. Crow said she has been advised by health board attorney, Geoff Standing Bear, to make no comment.

Foster said she could not comment on something she has not seen.

Cox said the board needs to account for the money.

"They're not hurting me," Cox said. "That money belongs to the people."

No date has been set for a hearing in the case.

## Princess

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this spring. She is one-half Creek and 5/16ths Choctaw. She is a member of the raccoon clan and the Eufaula-Canadian tribal town.

In high school, she was on the track, cross-country and Mat Maids teams. She participated in speech and drama, was a member of R.I.S.E. (Recognizing Indian Student Excellence) and the Shawnee Wolves Dance Society.

She sings in the choir, belongs to Acteens, teaches in Vacation Bible School and preschool Sunday School. She has participated in the National Indian Baptist Youth Conference the last two years and sang with the state Indian Choir.

She served with the Indian Falls Creek Youth Committee. She has gone on mission trips to San Jose, Calif., and Owyhee, Nev., and will go to Minnesota this summer on a mission trip.

She enjoys running, modeling, reading, writing, drawing, playing the piano, volleyball and acting.

Her parents are Samarian and Edward Herndon of Shawnee. Grandparents are Susie Scott of Eufaula and the late Bennie B. Scott; also the late Buddy and Toru Herndon of Valliant.

Kristi will reign as Creek Princess for a full year, representing the tribe at various functions throughout the nation.

## Decision

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by Cox and overridden by the Council in May 1988. McIntosh District Rep. Frank Kamp, the bill's author, filed suit in Tribal District Court in September 1990.

That ordinance is the Council's definition of the administration offices. According to the ordinance, the executive branch is to have program directors

## Mom

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she had grown and become a little spoiled by her aunt and her grandmother Patsy Wahnee.

The full-blood Creek-Comanche enlisted in the U.S. Air Force two years after graduating from Morris High School in 1981. She was stationed in New Mexico for one year and was sent to Italy for three years.

Ruby had just returned to New Mexico from Italy, when nine months later she was sent to Riyadh, Saudia Arabia, as a participant in Operation Desert Shield.

She was sent to the Persian Gulf in November and returned home in early June.

Her assignment came as no surprise because of her occupation.

"I knew I was going because of the job I've got," said Ruby, who obtained parts for all aircrafts and worked on computers.

She often worked grueling, 16-hour days in the 120-degree heat and humidity.

"I worked 93 days straight and then they finally started giving us days off. All I did was sleep, wake up and go back to work. It was hot and humid, you could just see the heat plus the oil was still burning."

She said the sound of SCUD missiles going off became a way of life which she became used to after her first few days in Riyadh.

Ruby said her living quarters were in a building where she shared a room with 10 other women. She said she made a lot of friends and met only one American woman there.

"Everybody kind of got close over there," she said.

Ruby said she eventually got one day off per week in which she would just "lay around" or get out and play volleyball.

She said they even built a makeshift swimming pool.

"It was nothing extravagant, just something to get wet in."

With the exception of the telephone, Ruby said communication to the U.S. was rather limited.

"We were glad to see a newspaper a week to two weeks old!"

Television was not accessible to them until the end of her assignment in Saudia Arabia.

"There at the last they started getting TV. We watched the Saudia Arabian networks and had a satellite hookup and could get Cable News Network (CNN)."

She said the letters she received from Creeks and Okmulgee residents were supportive.

"I heard from a lot of people I didn't know, especially in Okmulgee; I heard from several Creeks."

Ruby said her diet consisted of MRE's (meals

**"If we did something wrong, something (Saudia Arabian men) weren't accustomed to, they let us know about it. Women were second-class citizens."**

**- Ruby Wahnee**

ready to eat) and warm supper meals, which she described as "okay."

Her first meal upon returning home was at McDonald's. She said she has continued her fast food binge since returning home, but has broke up the monotony with her mother's good ole' Creek food.

"I've been eating out everyday. Mom made me some beans and fried bread the other day and I pigged out on that."

As for Saudia Arabian culture, Ruby said she did not experience much of it. Restrictions in regard to entering Riyadh were placed on U.S. service people, "but during the last few months we went into the city and shopped a little," she said.

When going into the center all female service persons were required to wear a bio, the traditional dress of the Saudia Arabian women.

The Saudia Arabian men's treatment of women mother also found hard to cope with. Women are not permitted to drive in the country, she said.

"It was hard to deal with because you had to depend on somebody," said Ruby of having to rely on U.S. servicemen to drive the women into the city.

She said women are not allowed in many of the stores; for example, music stores. When Ruby and her friends wanted a drink and a snack they were served through a little window instead of being allowed to come in the store. They also had to enter restaurants through a back door.

"We had to set in a back room and the men sat out front in public," said Ruby.

Saudia men were quick to tell the American servicewomen when they had done something "wrong."

"If we did something wrong, something they weren't accustomed to, they let us know about it," she said. "Women were second-class citizens."

Ruby, currently stationed at Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo, N.M., is the daughter of Riley and Patsy Wahnee. The late Harbor and Bettie Johnson are her maternal grandparents.

for tribal affairs, community services, human development and finance.

The ordinance also requires the Principal Chief to submit the names of the program directors to the Council for confirmation.

Presently, the executive branch includes Executive Director Gary Breshears, Director of Tribal

Affairs Buddy York and Human Development Director Emanuel Morgan.

The director positions for community services and finance are vacant. Former Community Services Director Vickie Carpenter resigned in April 1990 and former Finance Director David Bryant resigned in May.



## Hiyo-ra'kko (Big Harvest or Summer) August

Net'tv-ca'ko SUNDAY	Mv'nte MONDAY	Tu'ste TUESDAY	Net'tvca'kuce-en nvrkvp'v WEDNESDAY	Rv'ste THURSDAY	Fli'te FRIDAY	Nettv-ca'ko-cu'se SATURDAY
<div> <div> <div>■ Listed by date and time are chartered community meetings</div> </div> </div>				1  Okemah, 7:30 p.m.	2	3
4	5  Wetumka, 7 p.m. Kellyville, 7 p.m. Muskogee, 7:30 p.m. Yardeka, 7:30 p.m.	6  Tulsa, 6:30 p.m. Okla. City, 7 p.m. Okfuskee, 7 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11	12  Hanna, 7 p.m. Okmulgee, 7 p.m. Sapulpa, 7 p.m. Beggs, 7 p.m.	13  Checotah, 6 p.m. Glenpool, 6:30 p.m.	14	15  Okemah, 7:30 p.m.	16	17
18	19  Bristow, 7 p.m. Holdenville, 7 p.m. Wilson, 7 p.m. Coweta, 7:30 p.m.	20  Dewar, 7 p.m. Duck Creek, 7 p.m.	21	22  Eufaula, 7 p.m.	23	24  National Council, Okmulgee, 10 a.m.
25	26  Weleetka, 7 p.m.	27	28	29	30	31

**MNN August deadline: July 26**

## Commodity distribution

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Commodity Program makes stops at 12 Indian community centers monthly.

Distribution sites include:

Hanna	Second Tuesday
Coweta	First and third Tuesday
Eufaula	First and third Thursday
Okemah	First and third Wednesday
Holdenville	First and third Tuesday
Weleetka	Fourth Tuesday
Wetumka	Second Thursday
Checotah	Second and fourth Thursday
Dewar	Second and fourth Wednesday
Glenpool	First and third Wednesday
*Bristow	First and third Thursday
**Kellyville	First and third Thursday

Times: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\* 9 a.m.-noon.

\*\* 1 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information or an application contact the: Commodity Food Distribution Program, Creek Nation Complex, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447, or phone (918) 756-3467.

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**Tribal Affairs**  
Buddy York 270  
**Human Development**  
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The Muscogee Nation News,

# Festival & Rodeo Review

Special pullout section

## 'Our best festival ever'

### Festival committee says 10,400 visited

Stories by TOMMY CUMMINGS  
MNN Managing Editor

**O** KMULGEE -- They're calling it a success.

The Creek Nation 1991 Festival and Rodeo attracted more than 10,400 through its gates, according to festival organizers.

"It was one of our best festivals ever," said Carney Roberts, festival committee chairman. "The planning had a lot to do with it. We were better organized this year."

A week before the festival, the committee did away with its \$1 admission fee. To keep tabs on attendance and document it for consideration of future Indian Health Service programs, gatekeepers were issued tickets.

When gateskeepers stopped passing out the tickets by mid-Sunday afternoon, 10,400 had been issued, Roberts said.

Donna Frank, festival committee member, said she saw no major problems considering the size of the crowd and the weather.

"Talking with the vendors, players, participants and spectators, they felt it was our best ever," she said.

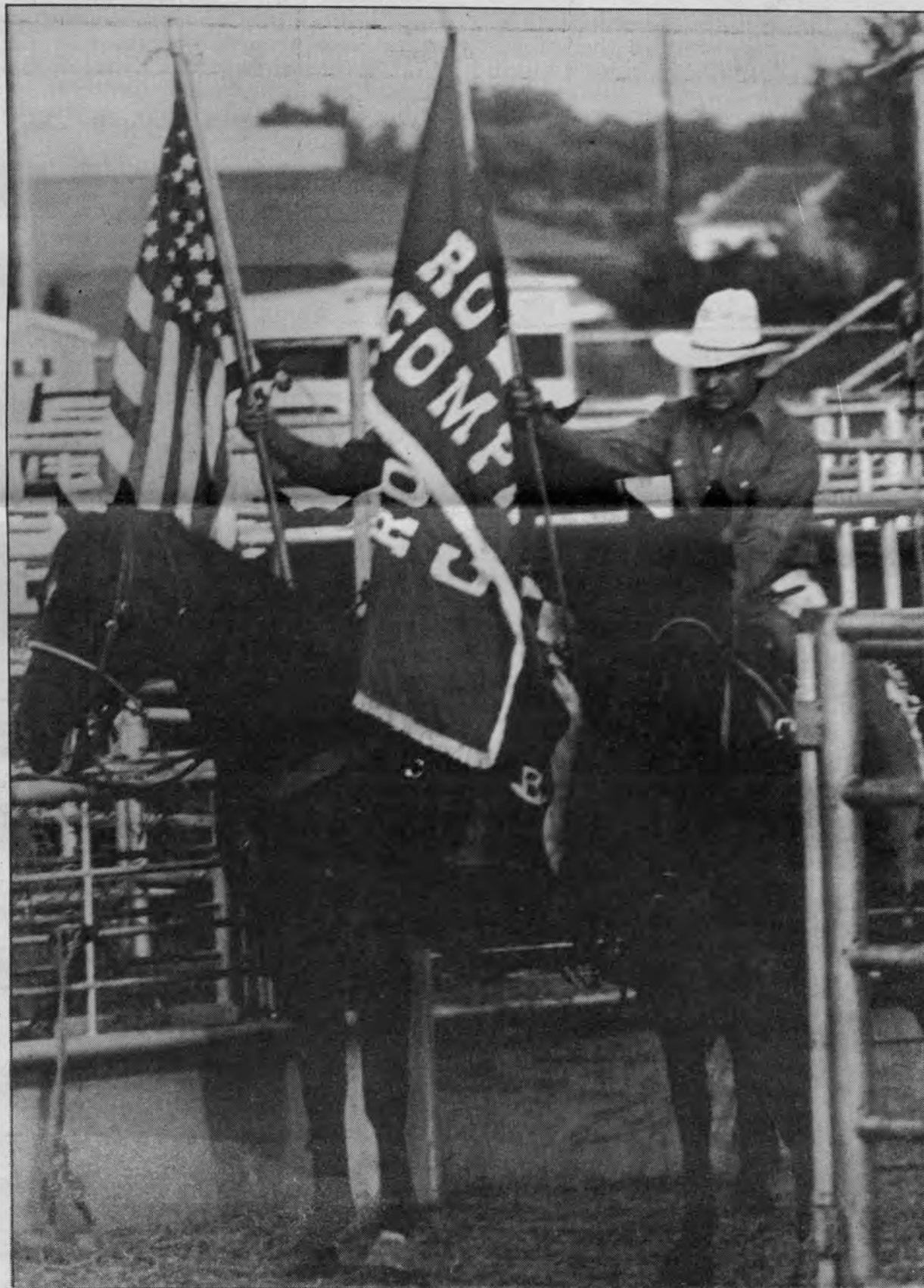
The searing heat and heavy thundershowers didn't wash out any of the events, but caused scheduling problems with the softball and volleyball tournaments.

Committee officials praised the tribal facilities crew for keeping the softball fields playable after the rains came.

The festival featured sports activities, arts and crafts booths, a parade, the Euchee Mission Boarding School reunion and a reception to crown the 1991 Creek Princess.

It all began Friday morning with the running of the Youth Olympics at Harmon Stadium in Okmulgee. Nearly 300 kids representing Creek communities or tribal organizations participated in the track and field events, which lasted more than nine hours.

Fastpitch softball tournaments, hit hardest by the rains, began Friday afternoon and wrapped up at 5:15 a.m. Monday.



### Grand entry wait

The grand entry officially signaled the beginning of the Creek Nation Rodeo. Cowboys and cowgirls from throughout Oklahoma and the Southwest participated in the All-Indian Rodeo of Oklahoma sanctioned rodeo. Results are on Page 2.



# Survey: Festival needs more shade

The answer might have been more of an immediate reaction than a thought-out reply.

The question: "What do you feel is needed to make the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo more enjoyable?"

The No. 1 answer: "More shade." Five of 50 people surveyed by The Muscogee Nation News staff at the festival wanted relief from the muggy heat.

One suggested having the events earlier in the year to escape the heat.

At least three of those surveyed wanted to see a powwow, more participation and more Indian art. Another three surveyed felt the festival was fine the way it is.

Two surveyed wanted all events at the Omniplex, stomp dances, a carnival, better facilities,

Other answers: better cowboys, stick ball games, stagger starting times for the events, last longer (week-long events), music or band, advertise more, better traffic control, more security, paved roads, free activities for kids and more support from tribal members.

The survey was conducted Friday and Saturday at the festival. Those surveyed were told their names would not be published.

Other findings in the poll:

-- **Question: What do you consider the single-most important issue facing the incoming administration in the upcoming elections?**

The No. 1 answer was education; six in 50. Four of 50 felt the establishment of sovereignty and unemployment among tribal members needed to be addressed.

Two of 50 felt taxation, economic development, health care for the elderly, honesty in government and budget problems were top issues.

Other issues: cleaning up old problems; serving all Creeks regardless of boundaries; returning government to the people; self-government; establishing a working relationship with the communities; National Council and administration; an audit; good health programs; restructuring of the administration; fair elections; family lineage service; education for youth funds; good leaders in administration; housing; and accountability.

-- **Question: Do you favor the Creek Nation establishing a cultural center?** 46 yes, 1 no.

-- **Question: Do you feel the Creek Council Museum should be under the management of the Creek Nation?** 43 yes, 6 no.



Thomas Checote and Mose Cawhee look over an old yearbook at the Euchee Mission Boarding School Reunion at Creek Nation's Okmulgee Bingo Hall.



The softball tournaments lasted well into the chilly night as these fans discovered.

## Oklahoma cowboys lasso five event titles

OKMULGEE -- Oklahoma cowboys fared better at this year's all-Indian rodeo.

Last year, Navajo cowboys and cowgirls from New Mexico won four of seven events. This year, five Oklahomans claimed championship titles in the main events and state cowboys dominated the junior and over-50 events.

Tommy Rainbolt, a Cherokee from Fort Gibson, was the leader among four cowboys who stayed atop their bulls in the bull riding. Rainbolt scored a 79 on his ride.

Ron West, a Navajo from Window Rock, Ariz., was second (74), Greg Morris, a Sac and Fox from Stroud, was third (69) and Eric Morrow, a Creek from Meeker, was fourth (67). In other events:

-- **Steer wrestling:** 1, Karl Dennison (Navajo), Tohatchi, N.M., 3.8 seconds; 2, Ed Holyan (Navajo), New Mexico, 4.18. 3, Chris Rock (Cherokee), Oklahoma 4.28. 4, Alan Murdaugh (Choctaw),

Stuart, 4.62. 5, James Duffield (Cherokee), Tahlequah, 4.86. 6, Rusty Rock (Cherokee), Oklahoma, 4.89.

-- **Bareback riding:** 1, Troy Ward (Sioux), Leota, Kan., 78. 2, Edison Roan, New Mexico, 77. 3, Melvin Jones, New Mexico, 75. 4, Glen Adeky, New Mexico, 74.

-- **Girls barrel racing:** 1, Ruth Bitsui, Arizona, 17.556. 2, Lori Smith, Oklahoma, 17.571. 3, Laverne Nez, Arizona, 17.631. 4, Pam Hall, Oklahoma, 17.868.

-- **Saddle bronc riding:** 1, Jess Knight, Oklahoma, 75. 2, Henry Tsosie, New Mexico, 75. 3, T.O. Yazzie, Oklahoma, 74. 4, J.R. Hunt, New Mexico, 74.

-- **Calf roping:** 1, Howard Edmundson, Oklahoma, 9.41. 2, Dee Keener, Oklahoma, 9.6. 3, Matt Rampey, Oklahoma, 11.15. 4, Jack Foreman, Oklahoma, 11.64. 5, Joe Pickens, Oklahoma, 12.59.

6, Billy Webster, Oklahoma, 12.84.

-- **Team roping:** 1, J.D. Bacon-Mike Bacon, Oklahoma, 5.6. 2, Kurt Etsitty-John Pickens, New Mexico, 6.41. 3, Jon Donathan, Oklahoma, 8.03. 4, Alvin Smith, New Mexico, 9.43. 5, Justin Patterson, Oklahoma, 11.57. 6, Pepper Morgan, Oklahoma, 12.28.

-- **Ladies breakaway:** 1, Sandra Moore, New Mexico, 3.36. 2, Lynelle Lee, New Mexico, 5.56. 3, Geneva Tsoularakis, New Mexico, 13.28. 4, Brenna Winship, Oklahoma, 16.78.

-- **Junior barrel racing (Friday):** 1, Brant Fisher. 2, Mandy Bible. 3, Amancha Scott. (Saturday): 1, Fisher. 2, Tanayia Reynolds. 3, Scott.

-- **Junior steer wrestling (Friday):** 1, Matt Wood. 2, Joe Hicks. (Saturday): 1, Hicks. 2, Quintin Locust. 3, Cody Chalakee.

-- **Old Timers roping (Friday):** 1, Bob Arrington. 2, Rick Bemo. (Saturday): 1, Bemo.



## Haskell, All Tribes win rain-delayed softball title games

OKMULGEE -- The Haskell Indians didn't get much sleep the final night of the men's fastpitch softball tournament.

They defeated the Oklahoma/Kansas All-Stars early Monday. The game finished at 5:15 a.m.



Photo by Jim Wolfe

Lynnelie Roberts of OIC Smokeshop delivers a hit.

Eric Tiger, Richard Brewer and John Harjo of Haskell were named to the all-tournament team. Matt Komalty of Haskell was the tournament's most valuable player.

The All-Stars had four players on the all-tournament team: Rick Littleaxe, Randy Fixico, Randy Battiest and Mike Frazier.

Jay Yahola and Pete Soap of third-place Cherokee Chiefs made the all-star team.

The Anadarko Tribes finished fourth, the T-Braves fifth and Okmulgee Indian Community Smoke Shop

was given the sportsmanship trophy.

In the girls tournament, All Tribes of Norman defeated Norman Inter-Tribal in the championship game. All Tribes' Dee Beaver was named MVP. Patty McGirt and Nichole Mitchell of All Tribes were named to the all-tournament team.

Tammy Albert, Birdie Wetseline and Mary Wesley of Inter-Tribal were all-tournament selections. Dina Bread and Janie Johnson of fourth place Norman Outlaws were all-tournament along with third place Bacone's Angie Dreadfulwater and Carla Raines.

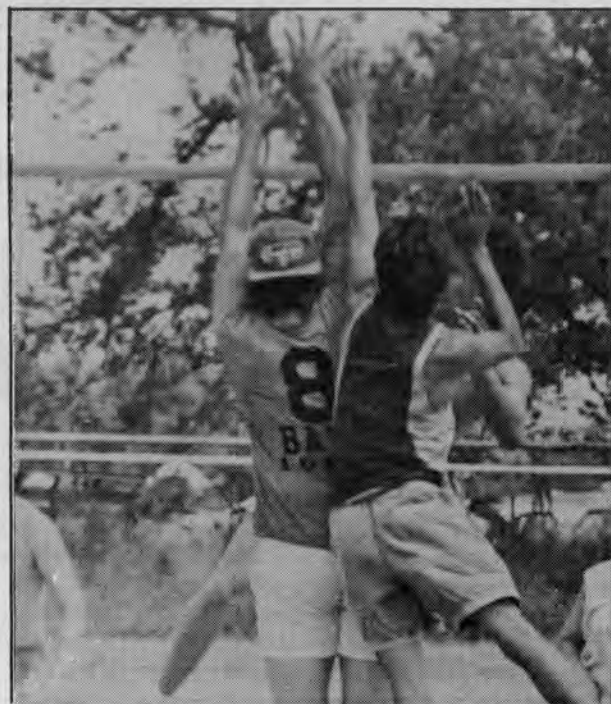


Photo by Jim Wolfe

Sooner Slams of Pryor won the coed volleyball tournament, defeating the Air Digs. Okfuskee of Okemah was third and Tulsa Side Out was fourth.



Photo by Jim Wolfe

Participants in the Youth Olympics strain for the finish line in the 100-meter dash.

## OIC claims Youth Olympics trophy

OKMULGEE -- Okmulgee Indian Community didn't have the showdown it expected with the Chickasaw Nation for the Youth Olympics championship.

The Chickasaw Nation, winner of the last two Olympic titles, skipped this year's meet. OIC had the numbers (nearly 660 participants) and won handily under the guidance of David Proctor and his assistant coaches.

OIC accumulated 192 points, finishing ahead of second-place Okfuskee Indian Community and Beggs Indian Community. Okfuskee was third a year ago.

Individually for OIC, 11-year-old LaQuita Adams won four gold medals. She won the 50-, 100- and 200-meter sprint events.

Other teams competing were Yardeka Indian Community, Duck Creek Indian Community, Wetumka Indian Community, Hanna Indian Community, Koweta Indian Community, Tulsa Creek Indian Community, Sapulpa Blazers and Seminole Nation.

Final results have not yet been tabulated, according to Georgeann DeLaune, meet organizer.

### Pre-schoolers compete

OKMULGEE -- A day after the Youth Olympics, the Little Olympics were staged at the Creek Nation Omnplex.

Twenty-six children, ages 1 to 5, participated in four events. The winners:

Foot races -- 4-5YO: 1, Joni Ardassy. 2, Katie Coon. 3, Spencer Tarpalechee. 3YO: 1, Paul Thompson. 2, Andrew Bevenue. 2YO: 1, Rachel Tucker. 2, Clifton Sands. 3, T.J. Morgan. 1YO: 1, Becky Munds.

Ball throw -- 4-5YO: 1, Tarpalechee. 2, Ardassy. 3, Braden Tucker. 3YO: 1, Jeffrey Lewis. 2, Thompson. 3, Bevenue. 2YO: 1, Morgan. 2, Sands. 3, Tucker.

Kick ball -- 4-5YO: 1, Tarpalechee. 2, Ardassy. 3, Tucker. 3YO: 1, Lewis. 2, Thompson. 3, Bevenue. 2YO: 1, Morgan. 2, Sands. 3, Tucker.

Long jump -- 4-5YO: 1, Coon. 2, Tarpalechee. 3, Tucker. 3YO: 1, Lewis. 2, Bevenue. 3, Thompson. 2YO: 1, Tucker. 2, Morgan.

## Shawnee man defends golf crown

LAKE EUFAULA -- Craig Robinson of Shawnee defended his men's championship flight title in the festival golf tournament at Fountainhead Resort's golf course.

Robinson carded a par 72. Rick Hess was second with a 74. Homer Buffalo had a 76 and Earl Milligan a 77. Cecil Tiger was the Saturday medalist with a one-under-par 71.

Shirley James won the women's championship flight, defeating Helen Plumage, Nora Birdshead and Rita Anderson.

Other flight winners:

-- Men's A: 1, Bruce Dunson. 2, Bob Curtis. 3, Don O'Connell. 4, Robert Horse.

-- Men's B: 1, J.R. Ross. 2, Jerry L. Perry. 3, Bob Beach Jr. 4, J.C. Wilson.

-- Men's C: 1, Harold Tsadi. 2, Jeff Irons. 3,

Greg Smith. 4, Mike Manus.

-- Senior men's championship: 1, Jerry Perry. 2, Clifford Birdshead. 3, Dan Amos. 4, Lawrence Johnson.

-- Senior men's A: 1, J.B. Haikey. 2, Buddy Pappio. 3, Leonard Bevenue. 4, Flloyd Burgess.

-- Women's A: 1, Patsy Bevenue. 2, Marion Mitchell. 4, Dot Burnett. 4, Ruby Perry.

-- Oldest golfer: George H. Hughes; most helpful golfer: Terry Sullivan.

-- Women's longest drive: Helen Plumage.

-- Men's longest drive: Don O'Connell.

-- Senior men's longest drive: Jim Bakker.

-- Closest to the hole, women: Marian Mitchell.

-- Closest to the hole, men: Don O'Connell.

-- Closest to the hole, senior men: George Hughes.



# Open winners defend their tennis titles

OKMULGEE -- Ron Qualls of Tahlequah and Jennifer Wilson successfully defended their titles in the Creek Nation Festival tennis tournament.

Qualls defeated Leon Hawzipta of Pawhuska, 6-1, 6-2, in the men's open singles division. Wilson defeated Vicki Tate, 6-2, 6-2.

Qualls also teamed with Max Factor to defeated Hawzipta and Charlie Boggs to take the men's open doubles division.

Tate and Jennifer Harjo downed Pat Factor and Sue Qualls in the women's open doubles.

Other winners:

-- Men's intermediate singles: Greg Switch defeated Landon Tulsa, 6-1, 6-2;

-- Men's intermediate doubles: Greg and Jason Switch defeated Kevin Ganote and Gary Canard;

-- Men's 35 singles: Bruce Harjo defeated Jim Givens, 6-7, 6-2, 6-0;

-- Men's 35 doubles: Hawzipta and Girard (Butch) Fish defeated Don Nieto and Bruce Harjo, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3;

-- Men's beginning singles: Karty defeated Jason Switch, 6-1, 6-1;

-- Men's beginning doubles: Eli Hawzipta and Mike Rangland defeated Matt King and Josh Brant, 6-4, 6-4;

-- Women's 35 singles: Wilson defeated Tate, 6-2, 6-2;

-- Women's intermediate singles: Tosha Morgan defeated DeeAnn Lamebull, 6-2, 6-4;

-- Women's intermediate doubles: Morgan and Taylor defeated Sarah and Kim Fish;

The mixed doubles match between Ron and Sue Qualls and Factor and Wilson was postponed to a later date.



Photo by Jim Wolfe

Alan Scott of Wewoka delivers a serve in the men's intermediate singles division.



On board the winning bingo hall float: JoAnna Lowe, Kara Green and Stephanie Berryhill.

## Parade weathers rainstorm

OKMULGEE -- Despite the wind and threatening rain clouds the Creek Nation Festival parade ran its course.

Festival '91 marked the second year the parade was held on Creek Nation Omniplex grounds. In previous years the caravan of tribal politicians, officials, departments, princesses and community members ran its course through downtown Okmulgee. This festival's parade theme was "Tribal Awareness."

Winning first place in the community category for the second consecutive year was Creek Nation's Okmulgee Bingo. The importance of tribal elders, health, education and culture was displayed on the float.

Second place was the Creek Nation Housing Authority.

Eufaula Indian Community's Little Miss and Little Brave car was third. Riding atop the car was Little Brave Lewis McGirt and representing Little Miss Beth Brown was first runner-up Gina McGirt.

In the riding club category Creek Nation Riding Club received first, Nuyaka Riding Club placed second and Okmulgee Eastside Riding Club placed second.

In the Indian Car category Jim Harjo won first with "Jim's Dream." Harjo authenticated his of-



Second place was Jim's Dream, an Indian Car.



Third place was Eufaula Indian Community

ficial Indian car with a cardboard window made from a Viceroy cigarette box. Second was Choctaw Nation.

All first place winners were awarded \$150, second place winners received \$100 and third place prize money was \$50.





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## Candidate forums fill pre-election calendar

**F**orums for candidates vying for Muscogee (Creek) tribal offices will begin in August and continue through September and October.

Filing period for all tribal offices is Sept. 16-18. The primary election is Oct. 26 with the general election Dec. 7.

Chartered communities in Okmulgee (Aug. 12), Bristow (Aug. 19) and Weleetka (Aug. 25) have planned forums, all beginning at 7 p.m..

On Sept. 21, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Communications Department will present a principal chief candidates forum beginning at noon in the Mound Building Auditorium in Okmulgee.

On Oct. 5, the Creek Indian Memorial Association will present a candidate forum in the Creek Council House Museum.

Announced candidates for principal chief are Jackson Barnett of Okemah; Second Chief Perry Beaver of Jenks; National Council Speaker Ken Childers of Glenpool; Okfuskee District Rep. Bill Fife of Weleetka; Creek District Rep. Ed Frye of Bristow; and Jimmy Hill of Eufaula.

The second chief race picked up a fourth candidate, Hughes-Seminole District Rep. Thomas Yahola. He joins Hospital and Clinics board chair Shelly Crow of Tulsa, Okmulgee District Rep. Tony Hale and medicine man David Lewis Jr.

## Absentee ballot request forms in August mailout

**O**KMULGEE - Absentee voters should receive information and request forms by Aug. 30, according to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board.

The election board office will mail absentee voter requests in early August to all registered absentee voters, said Juliene Stone, election board secretary.

Those wanting to vote in the tribal elections must return their request to the election board by the date specified in the letter.

If an absentee voter doesn't receive a request form by Aug. 30, they are to contact the election board immediately.

Those wishing to register as an absentee voter must do so 24 days before the primary election Oct. 26. Precinct voters have 10 days before Oct. 26 to register.

Stone also reminds voters to check their voter registration cards and make any corrections to the election board by Aug. 30.

Contact the election board at (918) 756-8700 or at P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

## Court to hear motion against directors

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

**O**KMULGEE - The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court will hear a motion for a permanent injunction against the executive office Aug. 6 in the tribal courtroom.

Filed by McIntosh District Rep. Frank Kamp, the motion would have the directors' positions within the executive branch declared vacant as of June 27.

In June the high court upheld the lower

court's ruling that NCA 88-15 is constitutional. That ordinance requires the principal chief to submit directors to the Council for confirmation.

The application:

- seeks to withhold payments to directors;
- would prevent the reclassification of directors; and
- would prohibit directors being hired as consultants.

Kamp said the issue could have been

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## COVER STORY



Photo by Earl Richardson

Orene Sevier of Lawrence, Kan., testified about the shooting of her son, Gregory Sevier, by police officers April 21. She was among witnesses at a coroner's inquest in the Douglas County Courthouse.

## Shooting of Creek man draws outrage, inquests

By TOMMY CUMMINGS  
MNN Managing Editor

**I**t's been more than four months since Willie and Orene Sevier of Lawrence, Kan., lost their 22-year-old son in a tragic shooting.

But a lot has happened since that April 21 morning, when Gregory Sevier, a Muscogee Creek, was shot six times -- twice in the heart -- by two Lawrence police officers in the Seviars' home.

"It's all still seems like a nightmare," said Willie Sevier, also Creek. "I have my good days and I have my bad days."

In the Lawrence community, there has been shock, outrage, inquests, efforts to quell strained community

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# Politicking creates long summer for at least 30



**JIM WOLFE**

MUSCOGEE NATION  
NEWS EDITOR

In an election year, the politics heats up almost as much as a hot, August afternoon.

The tribal administration and several members of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council have been exchanging political platitudes during the debate on the air conditioner-box fan bill, sponsored by Creek District Rep. Mose Cahwee.

As reported elsewhere in this edition of *The Muscogee Nation News*, the Council approved the bill at a special session. The \$20,000 to fund the

## Debate on cooling bill keeps temperatures up

bill will come from the Creek Nation Community Hospital's accounts payable to the tribal treasury. Originally, the money to purchase the cooling units was to go from the hospital to the vendor. The funds are to be deducted from the \$272,200 owed the tribal treasury by the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board.

As reported last month the tribal administration has sued the health board and Hospital Administrator Sally Foster for the money.

While several of the representatives who supported the bill in its original form expected the chief to veto the bill, it was approved anyway.

Speaker Ken Childers convened the Council for a special session Aug. 1 to resolve the issues.

As expected, some of the representatives began acting as if this bill was the only issue that matters in this election year.

Actually, the temperature was hot in June. Why wasn't the bill for air conditioners, fans and water coolers considered before summer?

It was hot and dry last summer, too. No bill then either.

But then no one from social services, community health or the health care system came forward with a proposal expressing concern for the heat and its effect on shut-ins and invalids.

Under this bill, only 30 individuals will receive the cooling units.

Voters in the 1991 elections are much more sophisticated and intelligent than to vote for leaders campaigning on single issue politics...

## Letters to the editor

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## Reader supports commentary about legislators' attendance

Editor:

I wish to commend and support (Richard Wilde's) commentary ("Reader says attendance lacking at National Council meetings" in the July edition of *The Muscogee Nation News*).

Attendance is definitely an important requirement of our elected National Council members. It should be mandatory that members be paid only if they are in attendance and the \$50 stipend and mileage be withheld when they are absent.

These elected officials should also be required to stay for at least 3/4ths of the meeting in order for their constituents to be amply represented and informed of the business at hand.

Okema B. Randall, Broken Arrow

## Broken Arrow reader urges citizens be politically aware

Editor:

I am following up on the (letter) appearing in the July issue of *The Muscogee Nation News* regarding attendance and voting records of our (National) Council members.

Mr. (Richard) Wilde covered this subject very well, therefore I suggest we get our *Muscogee Nation News* out and re-read this letter and think about what was written.

There are those of us out here who are observing and listening to some Creek citizens who say that their representatives are not voting the way they would like to see them vote -- for the benefit of all.

Serving on the Council is a job, paid for with your money, making decisions. We are entitled to their best.

I think that a change is necessary in some districts and when that happens, we must choose those who are responsible, unbiased and who will perform their duties diligently and serve all Creeks equally.

Susan Mills, Broken Arrow

## Speaker encourages enrollment, voting in upcoming elections

Editor:

During this present year, we have lost numerous Creek descendants to death. Several of these Creek people were not enrolled citizens. NCA 91-08, an ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation programming and authorizing the expenditures of funds to implement the burial assistance under established guidelines, requires that you must be an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. It is a sad situation when Creeks request benefits and find, because they are not enrolled, are denied. Tribal enrollment is important to all of us. Every tribal ordinance which provides direct services, requires tribal enrollment.

Also, 1991 is an election year. We elect a principal chief, second chief and National Council representatives this fall.

Eligibility requirements to vote in the October election are that you must be 18 years of age or over, an enrolled Muscogee (Creek) citizen, and

must be registered with the Election Board at the Creek Nation complex.

In reference to the fall election, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you, the Creek people, for the tremendous representation I have received since my announcement to seek the office of the Principal Chief. It is elating to know the multitude of Creek citizens who feel as I do - equality and betterment for all Creeks. Our campaign organization has grown enormously since June 6.

I recently attended a Johnson-O'Malley (Indian education) workshop near Wagoner. Others who participated were parent committees and staff members for various public schools throughout the Creek Nation; all with a common goal: equality education for our children. I contend knowledge is the key to success in any endeavor. Federal regulations, since 1975, now require input from the Indian people in our educational programs. I wish to commend the participants for their attendance. All indications show the conference was very successful. Mvto.

Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker, National Council



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## Guest Commentary

## Rodeo queen: Make most of opportunities

BY LORI MCKINNEY

## Creek Nation Rodeo Queen

**I**t means a lot to me to be able to represent my Indian people in rodeo.

For many years I have listened to stories about my great-grandfather, Jeff Canard, and his interest in Indian people.

I remember hearing elders at our Indian churches recall memories of our Indian heritage and the never-ending battle over our land.

I grew up feeling somewhat inferior to white people. I believed white people had better chances for success due to their access to our educational system.

As I grew older I began to realize I had the same chance as any other child my age but I didn't know how to take advantage of opportunities as they became available.

I felt uneasy around crowds until my Dad introduced me to rodeo.

When I began barrel racing I was scared. I feared criticism, failure and experienced many other emotions the first time I competed. As I entered the arena I heard shouts and people calling my name. I almost fell off my horse until I realized they were all for me -- they were my friends.

Rodeo had a different meaning for me after that. I understood I could share in something and be a part of it. I often thought about my friends -- those who didn't ride; those friends at home who seldom joined in competitive sports function and I realized they had experienced loneliness and not belonging.

My life changed drastically after that as I struggled with growing up, but I knew the "Great Spirit" had guided me and protected me and now it was all up to me.

I'm sincerely grateful to the Creek Nation and the Festival '91 committee; my church youth group coordinators, Ted and Pam Renfro; Ken Childers and Bob Arrington; Louis, Gloria, Kim, Ella, Deborah Lynn and the late John Edminsten; my mom and dad; my grandmother, Pauline McKinney, and the many others who encouraged me.

You've made a difference in my life.

Lori L. McKinney, Wetumka

## Corrections/Clarifications

**Corrections:** Principal Chief Claude Cox did recommend NCA 91-16 ("To rename Hughes-Seminole District to Tuckabatche District") be enacted in accordance with the tribal Constitution. A letter to the editor in the July edition of *The Muscogee Nation News* said the measure was approved by default. Also in error was the Hughes-Seminole District map, according to Hughes-Seminole District Rep. Thomas Yahola. A recognized boundary line extends east and west into Seminole County and parallel to Hughes County's western border.

**Clarification:** The story in the July issue of *The Muscogee Nation News* regarding Tony Hale's candidacy for second chief should have reported the grandparents of Hale as Bennie Lewis Harjo and Lonie (Givens) Harjo Lowe.

## Council OKs Holdenville bingo

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation's seventh bingo hall was approved at the National Council's July 27 session.

Tribal legislators unanimously passed legislation appropriating \$129,633 to the Holdenville Indian Community for renovation and startup costs.

Originally, the money would have come from the Creek Nation Community Hospital's accounts payable. The bill was amended and the funds will be deposited in the tribal treasury and then made available to Holdenville.

The bingo operation will be a joint venture between the community and the Creek Nation with the tribal treasury receiving 60 percent of the net profit.

Community Chairman Fred Lowe said the announcement that Tyson Foods Inc. would open a multi-million-dollar swine operation in Holdenville should provide plenty of potential bingo players.

"With Tyson coming in, I'm sure our bingo operation will be a success," community chair Fred Lowe told the Council.

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The tribe has bingo in Tulsa, Bristow, Checotah, Eufaula, Okmulgee and a proposed hall in Muskogee.

The Holdenville project was one of four bills the Council approved at two July meetings.

At a July 18 special session the Council approved a bill for air conditioners, fans or water coolers for shut-ins or invalids.

The bill appropriated \$20,000 for the tribe to purchase the cooling units and make them available for eligible citizens.

The funding source would have come from the Creek Nation Community Hospital accounts payable. The money would have been deducted from the \$272,000 owed the tribal treasury by the Hospital and Clinics Board.

Principal Chief Claude Cox vetoed the bill because of pending legislation. In June, the tribal administration filed suit against the health board and Hospital Administrator Sally Foster in tribal court, seeking repayment of the loan.

The case will be heard in district court in August. "I'm not against helping the elderly," Cox said.

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## Yuchis petition for recognition

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

SAPULPA -- Before Al Rolland Sr. died it was his desire that the Yuchi tribe be recognized for its own identity, heritage and customs.

It was with this hope he encouraged his son, Al Rolland Jr., to work for his people. With the Yuchi Tribal Organization's recent submission of application for federal recognition, his dream is nearing reality.

The organization submitted its petition for federal recognition and acknowledgment to the U.S. Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Acknowledgment and Research this month.

Upon the BIA's receipt of the petition it will review and research the application item by item and begin to substantiate the organization's request for federal recognition, said Rolland, organization project director.

The process has been known to take anywhere from one to three years, he said.

The more than 600-page-petition consists of the history of Yuchi people from the time of first contact through their migration and alignment with Muscogean-speaking peoples, Rolland said.

It also contains documents that record the turbulent years of the late 1700s and early 1800s and the Yuchis' arrival in Indian Territory through the U.S. Civil War to the present, he said.

The petition has taken Rolland a year and a half to compile, a comparatively short time

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CREEK CAMPAIGN '91  
Hughes-Seminole Councilman joins second chief raceBy JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

WETUMKA -- Hughes-Seminole (Tuckabatche) District Rep. Thomas Yahola has announced his intention to run for second chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

According to his campaign announcement, Yahola said as second chief he will:

- uphold the tribal constitution and abide by governing ordinances;
- support and assist the principal chief and be prepared to assume leadership if necessary;
- establish rapport among the legislative and judicial branches, communities and tribal citizens; and
- be innovative and promote tribal and citizen self-sufficiency through economic development.

Yahola is employed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Tulsa. He also has been employed as the executive director of the Seminole Nation Housing Authority as well as with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Tulsa and Okmulgee.

After graduating from Wetumka High School, Yahola earned an associate's degree from Bacone College in Muskogee and a bachelor of science

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# Community hospital nursing director resigns

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

EUFULA -- Creek Nation Community Hospital's director of nursing announced her resignation effective Aug. 16 at the health board meeting July 29.

Sarah Kaler told the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board she was resigning to pursue other career options. Kaler has been employed intermittently at the hospital since 1985. She has been director of nursing since July 1989.

Board chair Shelly Crow said Kaler was a very capable nurse who will be missed.

The board also announced openings for a pharmacy technician, a dental assistant, an administrative clerk and a medical records clerk at the Sapulpa

Clinic. The Eufaula Clinic has openings for a pharmacy technician and a radiology technician.

In other business, the board:

-- learned that third party payments to the hospital for May totalled \$122,457, \$89,693 for June and \$94,439 through July 21. For the same period the Okemah Clinic had payments of \$9,477, \$726 and \$3,722. Total expenses for the hospital for June were \$277,089.

Financial director Elvina Swayze said all of the health care programs with the exception of the hospital and the emergency medical service "are in good shape";

Swayze said most of the cash flow problems were a result of a fringe benefits rate that reached as high as 50 percent in some instances.

"(Currently) we're operating as well as can

be," Swayze said;

-- heard clinic reports. Okemah had 1,326 patients in June, Eufaula filled 1,968 prescriptions, Sapulpa filled 2,184 in June and another 2,505 in May;

-- heard a report on the health booth at the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo. The health care system also will have a booth at the Eufaula Labor Day Powwow;

-- accepted student nursing contracts with the University of Tulsa, Langston University and Northeastern State University;

-- granted privileges to dentists Douglas White, Todd Whitfield, Gary Adolph and Ted Loken; and

-- discussed policies for stocking and dispensing the drug glyburide, a medicament used to treat some diabetic patients.

## Housing plans crackdown on delinquencies

OKMULGEE -- Participants in the Creek Nation Housing Authority's Mutual Help Home Ownership program whose payments are delinquent risk the possibility of court action.

The housing authority is in the process of notifying all homebuyers who are delinquent, said David Proctor, CNHA counselor.

The CNHA issued a notice to homeowners detailing the process.

Those who have not been previously notified will receive notices as to the amounts owed, the number of days allowed to pay the delinquent amount and action that will follow in the event of non-payment.

Homebuyers who believe these actions are unjustifiable have the right to appeal to the housing authority, Proctor said.

Any actions that occur are pursuant to the monthly payment and collection policy of the housing authority, he said.

The housing authority has been far too lenient with delinquent accounts, Proctor said. As of this month all delinquent accounts will be processed for legal action.

Any court cost incurred will be charged to the homebuyers account.

Actions that will be taken are, but will not be limited to:

- claims filed in district court seeking judgments for amounts owed;
- judgement for possession of homes;
- possible garnishment to wages to recover cost;
- evictions for non-payment.

It is not the intention of the housing authority to remove homebuyers from their homes, however, all delinquent accounts must be made current, Proctor said.

Any questions concerning these actions can be directed to the housing authority counselors at (918) 756-8504.

Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### In Brief



Photo submission

Jack Belcher, left, receives a gold watch from Eufaula Clinic Administrator Linda Lowe commemorating his retirement after 13 years employment with the Eufaula clinic.

### Housing Authority to ponder Shawnee contractor's low bid

OKMULGEE -- A Shawnee contractor's low bid for the construction of 20 new housing units will be presented at the Creek Nation Housing Authority's Aug. 6 meeting.

The units will be built at scattered sites throughout Creek Nation's traditional boundaries, said Ron Scott, CNHA deputy director.

GLNM Contruction Co. of Shawnee submitted the low bid through advertisements.

The CNHA will meet at 7 p.m. in the Creek Nation Housing Authority building at the capitol complex here.

In other housing matters:

-- most of the discrepancies found by a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development audit of the CNHA have been corrected, Scott said. Among the findings: high delinquency rate; discrepancy in collection policy and issuance of deed; needed amendment of procurement and admissions and occupancy policy; submission of

vouchers for verification of travel, employee and salary benefit comparability study and receipts in numerical sequence.

-- According to the authority's June report of tenants accounts receivable, delinquency rates are slightly down from the month of May. Low rent and new and old mutual help home delinquency rates are 26, 49 and 49 percent. The May report showed low rent and new and old mutual help home delinquency rates to be 27, 50 and 52 percent.

Delinquency rates for low rent and new and old mutual help homes were 27, 50 and 52 percent for the month of June.

### Tribal department to sponsor Youth Conference on Aug. 17

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Children and Family Services Division will be host to "Youth Conference '91" for school-aged youths sixth grade through senior year on Aug. 17.

Participants must have parental approval to attend the workshop. Discussion topics include satanism, teen sexuality and pregnancy, date rape, suicide prevention, substance abuse prevention and Indian spiritualism.

The conference will be from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For further information, contact Janet Wise, youth facilitator for the children and family services division.

### Creek illustrations sought for Code of Laws publication

OKMULGEE -- Young Muscogee (Creek) artists are asked to submit illustrations for the tribe's upcoming Code of Laws book to be published later this year.

The drawings should be a law enforcement theme. Artists should be under 18 and enrolled Creek citizens.

Art work must be in black ink or pencil and posted on 8.5 by 11 or smaller display. The work must be dated and signed by the artist.

Entries must be submitted by Sept. 16 to the Creek Nation Judicial Branch, P.O. Box 652, Okmulgee, OK 74447 in care of Lane Morgan, court clerk.



## In Brief



Judd Pickering



Zach Tiger

### Creek Nation poster winner is second in state contest

OKMULGEE -- Judd Pickering, a winner in the Creek Nation Housing Authority's fire safety poster contest, placed second at the state contest.

Pickering, the son of Tom and Judith Pickering, Eufaula, received a \$50 savings bond and a portable stereo cassette player. Pickering advances to the regional competition where his poster will be judged among others from ten housing authority regions.

If successful there, Pickering will advance to the national competition.

"We're very proud and excited for Judd," said Beverly Chancey, coordinator of the local contest.



Jason Smith

Other winners at the tribal level were Zach Tiger and Jason Smith placing second and third, respectively.

Tiger is the son of Tony and Vickie Tiger, and Smith is the son of Bruce and Vicky Smith.

### Federal energy assistance forum scheduled Aug. 19

OKMULGEE -- A public forum on the federal energy assistance program will be hosted by the Creek Nation Social Services Department Aug. 19 at 10 a.m.

The program is called LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program). The forum will be in the elderly nutrition cafeteria at the tribal capitol complex here.

For more information, call the social services department at (918) 756-8700.

### Henryetta, Wagoner listeners can hear tribal radio show

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee Nation News radio program can be heard on station KDLB-AM1590 in Henryetta beginning Sept. 1 and on a Wagoner station this fall.

KDLB will carry The Muscogee Nation News at 9:15 a.m. The 15-minute public service program will begin airing at the same time on KTRT-FM102.1 in Wagoner within the next two months, said Fred Weinberg, station owner.

### Minority business development regional hearing to be Aug. 16

KANSAS CITY, Mo. -- The U.S. Commission on Minority Business Development will host a regional hearing to discuss the state of federal resources and minority business development Aug. 16. The hearing will be in the Kansas City Council Chambers on the 25th floor of City Hall from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information: Call (918) 274-2201.

## Communications to host debate

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation communications department will host a principal chief candidate forum Sept. 21 from noon to 5 p.m.

The forum will be in the Mound Auditorium at the tribal capitol complex.

The forum will be the first Saturday after the filing period for tribal offices closes Sept. 18.

The Creek Nation Head Start will serve lunch for a nominal fee before the forum. Refreshments will be served after the forum to allow citizens to

meet with candidates.

The format for the forum will be similar to ones used on "Face the Nation" and "Meet the Press" television programs.

"I'm pleased we will have this opportunity for the official principal chief candidates to discuss tribal issues here at the tribal complex," department spokesman Jim Wolfe said.

The communications department publishes *The Muscogee Nation News* and produces the Muscogee Nation News radio program.

## Council House plans tribal forum Oct. 5

OKMULGEE -- The Creek Indian Memorial Association Board of Trustees and the Council House Board will host a Muscogee tribal open forum at the historic Creek Council House Museum Oct. 5 in the House of Warriors.

Coordinated by Muscogee (Creek) tribal citizen Bonnie Deere, the forum will allow candidates running for principal chief in this year's tribal election to state their intentions.

Time also will be allowed for concerned Creek citizens to express their concerns to principal chief candidates. The forum will be con-

ducted by a moderator and translator.

The schedule:

-- 8:30 a.m., gathering (coffee and donuts);

-- 9 a.m., Council House welcome;

-- 9:15 a.m., candidate speakers (15- to 20-minute maximum per candidate);

-- 11 a.m., questions from the floor;

-- noon, break for lunch;

-- 1 to 3 p.m., Creek citizens concerns.

Deere said tribal town members and concerned tribal citizens are invited.

For more information, call (918) 756-2324.

## Tribe helping program assist high-risk youth

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation will participate this fall in a program to help young American Indians battle poverty, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, illiteracy and school dropout.

The program, offered at seven northeastern Oklahoma communities, is geared toward highly American Indian-populated rural communities where activities for youth are severely limited.

Wilson and Oktaha, communities within Muscogee (Creek) Nation boundaries, are targeted for the program. Adair, Lost City, Kenwood, Marble City and Okay communities are within Cherokee Nation boundaries and also will participate.

The program was launched by Oklahoma State University's cooperative extension service. A need for an after-school care program for youth ages 9 through 13 was recognized and the extension service in Muskogee submitted a grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

According to its Coalition for After School Care for High Risk Indian Youth proposal, 50.1 percent of northeastern Oklahoma Indians live at 150 percent of the poverty rate.

In the seven-county area participating in the program, 28.2 percent of Native American mothers had less than a high school education.

In 1988 there were 1,241 babies born to teenage mothers in these isolated communities. The proposal also states 50 percent of American Indian youth are at risk because of substance abuse.

Earlier this year, the USDA granted \$84,000 to help operate the program for one year, said Ora Lee Kirk, district extension 4-H program specialist.

OSU's long-term goal is to establish and reinforce the program at a community level so the project can continue operating after funding has run out at the end of the school year, said Doug Maxey, Okmulgee County cooperative extension director.

"With community and tribal support we hope the project can continue when funding ends," he said.

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council passed legislation at its July session to appropriate \$5,000 for the program.

The program will use a mixture of educational and recreational activities designed to reduce high risk factors (substance abuse, early sexual activity and school dropout.) These activities also are designed to reinforce tribal culture and tradition.

Its second objective is parent involvement and education. Classes and workshops will be given to improve parenting skills in communication.

The funding also will be used to hire and train a project coordinator and seven site directors. The positions are open to American Indians residing in their respective communities.

Indians living within Creek boundaries interested in enrolling their children, volunteering or applying for the positions in Oktaha should call Riletta Marshall, Muskogee County extension home economist, at (918) 687-2458. For the Wilson program site call Maxey at (918) 756-1958.



## Eufaula powwow among highlights at Labor Day fest

**EUFULA** -- The Eufaula Indian Community will host its fifth annual Labor Day weekend powwow Aug. 31 and Sept. 1-2 at the City of Eufaula Ball Park.

Activities will kick off at 7 p.m., Aug. 30 with a coed softball tournament.

The double-elimination tournament will start at 8 a.m., Aug. 31 and Sept. 1. There is a 16-team limit; each team is required to have a 12-player roster and bring a blue dot ball, said Jerry Francis, tournament director. The first place award will be jackets and a team trophy. Second place will be given t-shirts and a team trophy. Third place will be given a team trophy. Most valuable player jackets will be given for both male and female. A sportsmanship trophy also will be awarded.

Entry fee is \$70 and the deadline is Aug. 23.

Powwow registration will begin at 2 p.m. and will close at 8 p.m. The powwow will start at 8 p.m., Aug. 31 with the grand entry. All contestants in the senior divisions must register and participate in the grand entry on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 to be eligible for contests. The dances will consist of nightly competition and awards will be presented to finalists Monday evening.

The head staff is: Eufaula Indian Community Powwow Princess Luana Biggoose, Ponca-Sioux-Otoe-Delaware, Tulsa; Jim Anquoe, Kiowa, head singer of El Reno; Norman Newrider, Pawnee, head man dancer of Cushing; Julia Tiger, Creek-Seminole, head lady dancer of Tulsa and Cliff Reeder, Kiowa, head gourd dancer of Oklahoma City.

Arena directors are Lee and Walter Larney, Seminole, of Shawnee. Master of ceremonies is Stanley John, Navajo, of Tahlequah. The Lake Eufaula Chapter of Vietnam Veterans will present the color guard. The chapter invites other chapters to assist them.

Arts and crafts booths are \$50 for all three days or \$20 per day. There is a limit on electrical outlets, so first come, first served, said Jon Tiger, powwow director. All concession booths have been reserved.

On Sept. 1, an archery contest is scheduled next to Eufaula Lake. On-site registration will begin at 1 p.m. Sights will not be permitted on bows, Tiger said. The entry fee is \$7; trophies will be given for first, second, and third place in both male and female divisions.

A horseshoe pit also will be available for those who want to play horseshoes.

At 10 a.m., Sept. 2 a domino tournament will begin at the Eufaula Indian Community Center, 800 W. Forrest St. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m.; the entry fee is \$5. Trophies will be given for first, second and third place.

The Eufaula Indian Health Center will conduct a health fair in conjunction with the three-day event. Anyone may have their blood pressure checked at this time.

Camping and swimming is available around the lake; an information booth will be set up. Tiger advises spectators to bring lawn chairs and no there is no charge for admission.

Call (918) 689-5066; in the Oklahoma City area call (405) 732-1359 after 6 p.m.



Photo by Tommy Cummings

Okmulgee Indian Community members Joann Monahwee, Vicky Watashe, Minnie Wolfe and Ricki Wolfe keep an eye on community youth enjoying a swim party in honor of the children at Greenwood Lake in Okmulgee. The community's youth won the Creek Nation Festival '91 Youth Olympics.

### Chartered Community News

## Oklahoma City Creeks start voter registration drive for tribal elections

Compiled by STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association's Political Action Committee is registering area Creek citizens to vote in the Oct. 26 tribal elections. Community officials estimate 3,000 to 4,000 Creeks reside in the Oklahoma City service area that includes Norman, Moore, Shawnee, Guthrie, Edmond and El Reno. All tribal members living outside Creek Nation's jurisdictional boundary must vote an absentee ballot in tribal elections. Letters of request for an absentee ballot will be sent to all Creeks who are registered to vote with the Creek Nation Election Board. This letter of request must be returned to the board in order to receive a ballot. Creek tribal members may register to vote in the tribal election during regular office hours at the Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association office located at 711 Southwest 29th Street or 10 a.m. through 4 p.m., Aug. 17 and 5 p.m. through 9 p.m., Sept. 5.

### Tulsa

Tulsa Creek Indian Community will serve a potluck dinner at its regular meeting, Aug. 6, 6 p.m. at Turner Recreation Center, 3503 E. Fifth Place.

-- At the meeting the board plans to make a presentation on the summation of constitutional amendments, said Victor Childers, community treasurer. If the amendments are approved, members will vote

on it Sept. 3. Board elections also will be conducted at that time and Tulsa Creeks are invited, said Shelly Crow, community chair. Creeks living within TCIC boundaries who are registered members, full Creek citizens, live within TCIC boundaries and over 18 are eligible for office. Creek Nation Election Board representatives have been asked to attend the meeting to answer questions about the upcoming election.

-- The board also will update the community on its FY 92 funding request to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. An update on a sand and gravel lease on tribal lands known as the Mackey Sandbar site also will be given, Childers said. The lease on the land -- where Creek Nation's Tulsa Bingo sits -- will expire Aug. 31.

### Okmulgee

The Okmulgee Indian Community recently increased the amount of the scholarship it awards to an Okmulgee Indian Community senior each year from \$300 to \$500. This year's recipient is Marva Jackson, Okmulgee.

-- The community also appropriated \$1,000 for the provision of athletic equipment to school-age community youth who meet income guidelines.

### Beggs

Verna Barnes, Beggs Indian Community chairperson, and Lamisha Jones, community member, attended a workshop given by the Coed Area Agency on Aging in Oklahoma City. The June workshop gave grant writing and fundraising project instruction.

### Dewar

A Creek Nation Community Hospital nurse will be at Dewar Indian Community at 9 a.m. Aug. 14 to perform blood pressure and glucose screenings.

-- Monthly bingo has been discontinued because of low participation, said Eliza Mae Hicks, community treasurer.



## Kellyville struggling over leadership

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

**KELLYVILLE** -- The after affects of a May restraining order placed against three community officers has left two Kellyville Indian Community factions struggling for leadership.

The tribe's executive branch has offered to mediate the dispute. At a July 29 meeting, administrative representatives stressed that before any mediation can begin, the community needs to organize its bylaws and records.

The community's next scheduled meeting is Aug. 5. A community officer said the election of a chair and vice-chair will be discussed.

Last month at a July 15 special meeting, community Chair Pauline Hite resigned from her position, attributing her action to a lack of cooperation from the community board.

According to community bylaws (Article VI, Sect. 3, paragraph 1), any vacancy shall be filled by the members present. Hite said Vice-chair Dorothy Lee assumed her office.

However, community Treasurer Martha Jo Burris said community members voted Lee out of office at their July 1 regular meeting.

Burris said Hite was supposed to notify Lee to vacate her office, but did not fulfill that responsibility. Burris said Lee was voted out of office because of her absence at two consecutive regular (June and July) meetings. Lee confirmed she missed the two meetings.

Burris, Secretary Beverly Watashe and Reporter Charles Watashe base this action on the community constitution, said Willie Adams, community services coordinator for the Creek Nation.

According to the community's constitution, two consecutive absences of an officer from a regular scheduled meeting shall be grounds for removal. It does not specify automatic removal, Adams said.

It appears to be a question of interpretation of the constitution, Adams said.

As a July 29 meeting, Secretary Beverly Watashe presided as chair, Burris said.

In May, Lee, along with an unspecified number of community members, filed a temporary restraining order against Hite, Burris and Watashe in tribal district court. The order usurped Hite, Burris and Watashe of access to smokeshop, community and gift shop accounts.

### Births

#### Ryan Louis Locust

**OKEMAH** -- Ryan Louis Locust was born to Robin and Regina Locust in Ada recently. Ryan weighed 11 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 24 inches. Maternal grandparents are Cindy Hohahta and the late Eugene Hohahta of Okemah. Paternal grandparents are Sherwood and Inecie Locust of Porum.



#### Kylie Dawn Condulle

**OKLAHOMA CITY** -- Kylie Dawn Condulle was born to Edna Donnell Fish (Creek) and Thomas Scott Condulle (Cheyenne/Arapaho/Seminole) on June 21. Kylie weighed seven pounds and measured 19.5 inches. She is the granddaughter of Alex Wilson Fish (Creek) of Cromwell and Nell Marie Bemo of Cromwell. Paternal grandparents are Claude and Maxine Condulle of Oklahoma City.



### Chartered Community News

#### Hanna

Hanna Indian Community will host a coed softball tournament Aug. 24-25. The 10-team tournament will begin at 9 a.m. both days. A 12-person roster will be enforced. Entry fee is \$65 and due Aug. 21. Blue dot softballs will be used. First- and second-place winners will be awarded t-shirts and third place will receive a team trophy. Call the center at (918) 657-2424 or Kizzie Harjo, community treasurer, at (918) 657-2595.

#### Yardeka

Yardeka Indian Community recently purchased enough gravel for 50 community homestead driveways. The service will be provided to community members at no charge. Community members do not need to request the service; the community is in the process of graveling all driveways that need it, said Elizabeth Shipley, community secretary.

-- The community's regular meeting date has changed from the first Monday of each month to the last Monday.

-- Community smokeshop hours are from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The store rents videos and is slowly expanding its convenience store items.

#### Holdenville

Holdenville Indian Community will give a back-to-school party at Holdenville Lake on Aug. 10 from 2 to 6 p.m.

-- The community will host a coed volleyball tournament Aug. 16-17 at Yeager Mission Church. The tournament will begin at 6 p.m., Aug. 16 and 8 a.m., Aug. 17. The tournament is limited to 14 teams and an eight-person roster. Entry fee is \$30. Deadline is Aug. 14. First place wins T-shirts, second place will be awarded caps and third place will be given trophies. Contact Fred Lowe at (405)

379-2090 or (405) 379-3642.

#### Eufaula

Eufaula Indian Community's back to school party will begin at 11 a.m., Aug. 8, at the Eufaula Water Slide. A wiener roast also is scheduled.

-- A picnic will be served 5 p.m., Aug. 5 at the City of Eufaula softball fields for Eufaula Indian Community members.

#### Muskogee

Muskogee Indian Community had around 50 community members in attendance at its community picnic last month.

#### Kellyville

A birthday party for 91-year-old Daisy Harris was given at the Kellyville Indian Community during a special meeting July 29.

#### Glenpool

Glenpool Indian Community elected new board members with the exception of the office of secretary. The officers are Dorothy Stevens, chairperson; Virginia Nickwander, vice-chair; Chiquita Smith, secretary; Billie Childers, treasurer and Don Cahwee, sergeant at arms.

-- Liberty Faith has started holding Sunday church services at the community center. Morning service begins at 10 a.m. and the evening service is at 6:30 p.m. Bible study is led by the Rev. Kyle Taylor at 7 p.m., on Thursday nights.

-- The community conducts Wing Chun Kung Fu classes from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Saturdays. Classes cost \$25 a month and are taught by Bart Kelly. Individuals 14 and over may take the classes.

#### Koweta

Brenda Roberts is the new Koweta Indian Community smokeshop manager.

### Reunions

#### Marshall family

**WETUMKA** -- Descendants of Louis and Mandy Marshall will have their fourth annual reunion on Sept. 2 (Labor Day) at the Wetumka Indian Community Center. Those who attend should bring a covered dish for the 11 a.m. gathering.

#### Robison family

**CLEARVIEW** -- Around 91 decedents of Col. William Robison attended the 18th annual Robison Family Reunion at the Thlopthlocco Tribal Complex. The reunion honors Col. Robison, who was born Feb. 8, 1833 and died Oct. 30, 1899. Reunion emcee was Tim Cheek. Reunion co-chairs were Cindy Cheek Yahola and Bonnie McGertt Jones. Gifts were given to Susie Robison Foster, 94, for being the oldest surviving granddaughter of Col. Robison; Nora Cheek, most family members present; Lynn Partee of Del Rio, Texas, for longest distance traveled and Chelsea Sala, two months, for being the youngest decedent present. Following dinner, horseshoes were played and entertainment was provided by the band Country Gospel.

#### Smith family

**EUFAULA** -- The ninth annual Smith family reunion featured games and prizes to those who attended. The reunion was May 25 at Middle Creek No. 1 Baptist Church. Prayer was delivered Jimmy Roberts, family chairman, and devotional and prayer also was provided by George Polecat. Games included spider relay, pie tin relay, balloon bomp, toe sack race, go and go back and volleyball. The volleyball team of Bill R. Smith, Kitty Long, Wisey Givens, Carmen McGirt, Mike Smith and George Polecat were given T-shirts as prizes. Door prizes were won by Betty McGirt, Maggie Stevens, Paul Cochran and Elizabeth Barnett.



# How They Voted

## NCA 91-58

Appropriating funds for cooling units. To approve. Passed: 23 yes, 0 no.

## NCA 91-59

Appropriating funds for David Wilde. To approve. Passed: 12 yes, 10 no, 1 abstain.

## NCA 91-53

Appropriating funds for Indian Youth-at-Risk project. To approve. Passed: 18 yes, 3 no, 3 abstain.

## NCA 91-46

Appropriating funds for Holdenville bingo. To approve. Passed: 23 yes, 1 no.

George Almerigi, Okmulgee	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Richard Berryhill, Wagoner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes
Larry Bible, Tulsa	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes
Eugene Birdcreek, Okfuskee	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Johnson Buck, Hughes	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes
Robert Buck, Hughes	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Mose Cahwee, Creek	Yes	Yes	Absent	Absent
Ken Childers, Tulsa	Did not vote	Did Not Vote	Did not vote	Did not vote
Helen Chupco, Muskogee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes
Clarence Cloud, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Helen Duncan, Wagoner	Yes	No	Absent	Absent
Bill Fife, Okfuskee	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Ed Frye, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Tony Hale, Okmulgee	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Mae Jackson, Okfuskee	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Frank Kamp, McIntosh	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Charlie Litsey, Okmulgee	Yes	No	Abstain	Yes
Harley Little, Muskogee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	No	No
Tommy Newton, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Tom Pickering, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Donna Rhodes, Tulsa	Absent	Absent	Abstain	Yes
Earl Wheeler, Creek	Yes	Yes	Absent	Absent
Jerry Wilson, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thomas Yahola, Hughes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes





Photo by KU Office of Information

Brent Hale (Creek, pictured in middle), a graduate of Okmulgee High School, is a research intern for the Howard Hughes Summer Research Program. Sue Lunte, assistant director of the Center for Bioanalytical Research at the University of Kansas, assists high school intern Jimmy Chen of Topeka and Hale.

## Headliners

### Brent O. Hale Jr.

LAWRENCE, Kan. -- Brent O. Hale Jr. (Creek), a senior at the University of Kansas' College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, worked this summer a Howard Hughes research intern. The intern program is one of several Howard Hughes programs offered at KU through a grant from Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Bethesda, Md. High school interns were matched both with KU scientists and with undergraduate Howard Hughes Summer Research Scholars. Undergraduates served as peer mentors alongside faculty scientists, who were mentors to both the high school interns and the undergraduate research scholars. The two programs offer experiences in scientific research to encourage women and minorities to enter careers in medicine or the biological sciences. Hale is a graduate of Okmulgee (Okla.) High School.

### Trey Fixico

MESA, Ariz. -- Trey Fixico, a seventh grade student at Sheperd Junior High School in Mesa, was named to the Mesa National Little League All-Star Team (Majors Division). he was selected as one of the top 14 players in the eight-team league. The All-star team will begin tournament playing July with the hope of earning a trip to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Penn. As a catcher, Fixico led his team to a second-place finish with a .535 batting average, eight doubles and 18 runs batted in. He also was named most valuable player of his team. He also participates in golf, basketball and soccer and has received awards for A-B Honor Roll, Outstanding Academic Achievement and Outstanding Attendance from the Mesa Public School Indian Education Office. Fixico's



parents are Charles (Spookly) and Joyce Fixico of Mesa. His paternal grandparents are Charles (Sox) and Nancy Sue Dunson Fixico of Konawa, Okla.

### Daniel Ellis

ORANGE, Calif. -- Daniel Ellis (Creek) led his team, the Angels, to a second-place finish in the Olive Little League AAA Division (for 9- to 11-year-olds). The Angels were the first AAA team in Olive Little League history to advance to the city tournament. Daniel played second base and led the team in runs batted in, base hits and fielding percentage. Daniel, a Creek citizen, is the son of Gary and Ramona Ellis of Orange and the great grandson of Stella Wesley and the late Santa Wesley of Dustin. He also is the grandson of Virginia Wesley Eaves of Kansas City, Kan.



### Dr. Blue Clark

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Dr. Blue Clark (Creek), a nationally-recognized scholar on American Indian history, has been named executive vice president of Oklahoma City University by the OCU Board of Trustees. Clark, who will report directly to OCU President Jerald C. Walker, will be responsible for varied administrative tasks and will provide assistance in development efforts. Clark holds bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in history from the University of Oklahoma. He recently completed the book "Lone Wolf v. Hitchcock: Treaty Rights and Indian Law at the end of the Nineteenth Century," now under consideration by



the University of Nebraska Press. Clark, one-quarter Creek, is the son of J. Stanley Clark, who taught evening courses at OCU from 1947-72.

### James Floyd

PORTLAND, Ore. -- James Floyd, former director of community services for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, was nominated for the Indian Health Service Superior Management Award. The award recognizes exceptional performance as director of area office operations in the Portland area. Floyd has worked as a health care manager since 1982 when he assumed the position of health services manager at Creek Nation. He also has served as a health service specialist in the Contract Health Service Division in the Portland area office. He is the son of Margaret Floyd of west Eufaula, Okla., and the late Joe L. Floyd. He is a 1970 graduate of Eufaula High School and holds a bachelor of science degree from Northeastern State University and a masters of science degree in public administration from Portland State University. According to an IHS news release, Floyd "proved to be one of the most talented managers in Indian Health Service. He took charge and provided direction to an area office in need of constant leadership." Principal Chief Claude Cox said Floyd deserves the award. "He was a hard worker here, loyal and he did a good job for us," Cox said.



Jennifer Wheeler



Tammy Wheeler

### Jennifer and Tammy Wheeler

HOLDENVILLE -- Jennifer and Tammy Wheeler (Creek), students of the Cherry Chastain Dance Studio, completed a week of dance camp in Seminole. They have performed in and around the Tri-City area (Wewoka, Holdenville and Seminole) in ballet, modern jazz and tap. They also are piano students in Holdenville and were honored at a state competition at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. They list their aunt Emma Coley Davis of Wewoka as their inspiration to continue dancing. Their mother is Debbie Jefferson of Holdenville. Maternal grandmother is Lona Scott of Holdenville.

### Michael Wane Sloan Melissa Denney

TAHLEQUAH -- Michael Wane Sloan (Creek), 13, of Okmulgee and Melissa Denney, 16, (Creek) of Crosby, Texas, attended the 34th annual American Indian Scouting Association seminar at Northeastern State University. The event supported both Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. in Native American communities across the country. Denney is a GSA leader at Crosby. This year's seminar was hosted by NSU's Center for Tribal Studies.



# Changes to be evident at M-S-W meeting

Indian baptist group looking for ways to reach 'unchurched'

Stories by JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

**Y**ARDEKA -- This is the last year for Wednesday and Sunday services at the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Indian Baptist Association's annual meeting.

Conducted at the M-S-W assembly ground at Yardeka, the meeting will open with moderator the Rev. Willis Knight delivering the annual message Aug. 14 and close with John Buckner preaching Aug. 18.

The 1992 annual meeting will run Thursday through Saturday.

"The changes will let churches keep their doors open on Wednesday and Sunday," Knight said. "Evangelically, it's good for the churches."

Knight said it is important for the association to support the local churches.

The Oklahoma Indian evangelism program leader for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma agrees.

The Rev. Jimmy Anderson (Creek) says the M-S-W Association as well as other Indian associations are establishing five-year, long-range growth plans.

"Sixty to 70 percent of Indian people are 'unchurched,'" Anderson said. "We've got to find a way to reach them."

Anderson said many of the urban Indians came to the cities to work and have no church. Progressive, new mission works are needed.

"Traditional churches, where Creek is spoken and sung, are very strong and have their place," Anderson said. "They meet a definite need."

One thing missing from this Baptist assembly is politics.

The Southern Baptist Convention, to which the M-S-W Association belongs, has been embroiled in a political struggle for control of the convention and seminaries.

At one extreme are those who believe every word in the Bible is the literal word of God and at the other end are those who say the Bible is divinely inspired but not inerrant.

Anderson said politics at the convention "don't affect us."

"It's just a small group in the convention and we

## Their deaths leave a void in camp

The deaths of Amos Deo and the Rev. Coleman Byrd will leave a void in the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Association annual meeting.

The annual meeting will run from Aug. 14-18 at the M-S-W Assembly Ground at Yardeka.

Both were active in Baptist church work for seven decades. Both were members of Weogufkee where Byrd preached and Deo served as head deacon. Both were regarded highly in the association.

Byrd died in November and Deo on May 30.

Former M-S-W director of missions, the Rev. Jimmy Anderson, said, "These men were two real strong leaders. They gave much to their church and to the association."

Though slowed by age, Byrd was still preaching at 95. He was killed when a tree he was trying to remove fell on him.

Deo served faithfully until he was overcome by cancer at 90.

Former M-S-W Women's Missionary Union Director Helen Coon, now a member of the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board, said the two were legendary within Baptist circles.

"They were among the strongest religious persons we've ever had," Coon said. "They knew the ins and outs of the association."

Deo for years rang the bell that signals the beginning of services and breaks during the

meeting.

His wife, the former Ada Simmons, said Deo had to get the bell used at the assembly ground from Fort Smith from Leonard Sims of Hanna.

The Deos were married in 1935 at Weogufkee. Mrs. Deo said the marriage was arranged by her father, George Simmons.

"After (the marriage), he brought his name for membership to the church," Mrs. Deo said. "He began as a deacon's helper."

Transplanted to Tulsa during the late 1940s, the Deos helped start Wekiwa Baptist Church as a

mission of Weogufkee. It was there that he was ordained as a deacon.

"He was a kind, considerate man," Mrs. Deo said. "He was concerned about the needs of people."

"Sometimes I would listen to his stories about how people used to help each other. When he planted his garden, he would pray for enough food to feed his family and enough to feed his neighbors."

Naomi Bear, current WMU director, is too young to have worked with the Rev. Byrd or Deo. She does remember them being fixtures in the association.

"You always expected to see them at association," Bear said. "You never expected them to be gone."

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have a lot of work to do here," Anderson said.

Featured speakers for the annual meeting are the Rev. Phillip Wade, moderator of the Choctaw baptist association, the Rev. George Jesse, director of Baptist Assembly and the Rev. John Buckner of Henryetta.

Wade will deliver the evening messages and also will teach from the book "The Lordship of Christ" in the morning sessions.

Jesse, pastor of Spring Church of Sasakwa, will be teaching stewardship for churches and the individual believer.

Knight, pastor at Little Cussetah Baptist Church of Sapulpa, says there is plenty of business for the association to conduct this year.

"We've had several pastoral changes and we hope to name a director of missions for the association," Knight said.

The Rev. Leon Postoak, the last M-S-W director, resigned last spring to pastor Calvary Baptist in Oklahoma City.

With the association lacking a director, Knight said he has been busy tending to the association's business.

In addition to his responsibilities at Little Cussetah, Knight is also finishing the first year of a four-year term on the Board of Directors of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

Knight said many "good people" were being considered for the director's position.

### In Brief

### Rev. Tiger, head deaconess to be memorialized Aug. 18

WEWOKA -- The late Rev. Amos Tiger and his wife will be memorialized by the First Indian Presbyterian Church-Hilltop of Wewoka on Aug. 18.

Tiger was pastor for more than 45 years and died May 26, 1989, at the age of 86. He had preached throughout the Creek Nation at many Methodist and Baptist churches.

His wife, Julia Wise Tiger, was head deaconess of the church for many years until her death in 1961. The Tigers had lived in the Pecan Grove area of Hughes County since 1939.

The 2 p.m. service will be conducted by Robert Kernell and the speaker for Mrs. Tiger will be the Rev. Joe Lowe Jr. and elder Bill Harjo. The speaker for the Rev. Tiger will be the Rev. Louis Harjo.

Surviving children of the Tigers: J. Lynn Tiger of Holdenville, Kelly Tiger Sr. of Tulsa, Imogene Tiger of Holdenville and Frances Jo Tiger of Holdenville.

### Gospel singings

### Salt Creek United, Sept. 14

WETUMKA -- Salt Creek United Methodist Church will host a gospel singing on Sept. 14 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Al Brown will be master of ceremonies. Church officials invite all singers. The church is 8 miles north and 2 miles east of Holden-

ville or 7 miles west and 2 miles south of Wetumka.

### Many Springs Baptist, Aug. 10

HOLDENVILLE -- Many Springs Baptist Church will host its "Singing Under the Stars" on Aug. 10. Masters of ceremonies will be James Bruner and Benson Alexander. The church is five miles south-east of Holdenville on Oklahoma highway 48 and one mile east of Lake Holdenville.

### Thewhale Indian Baptist, Aug. 31

DUSTIN -- Thewhale Indian Baptist Church will host an all-Indian hymn singing on Aug. 31, from 7 to 9 p.m. Church officials invite visiting church groups and other tribes to sing special hymns. The service can be recorded. The church is 2.5 miles northeast of Dustin.



## In Brief

**Eufaula park seeking Indian craftsmen for Heritage Day**

EUFULA -- Indian re-enactors, artisans and crafters are being sought to participate in the fourth Heritage Day 1991, Oct. 5-6 at Fountainhead State Park.

According to Park Naturalist Sue Garner, Heritage Day depicts life as it might have been during the 1830s. Families have been gathering at Fountainhead to camp.

Garner says most of the participants have been non-Indians.

"In the 1830's, this area was populated primarily by Creeks though the re-enactors have been mostly white," Garner said.

"As a Creek citizen, I am concerned that we are not portraying life in the territory correctly."

Creeks skilled in beadwork, blacksmithing, leather, story telling, spinning, basketry and hide tanning can participate. Even cooks who can prepare traditional foods over campfires and spits are welcome.

Garner says she wants all participants to wear traditional dress or clothing from the 1830s.

"All of this makes the re-enactment more authentic," Garner said.

Garner would also like to demonstrate stickball during the two-day festival. Those wishing to participate are asked to notify Garner by Sept. 1.

To register or for more information contact Garner at Fountainhead State Park at (918) 689-7450 or write Garner at Fountainhead State Park, HC 60-1340, Checotah, OK 74426.

**Public seminar in Tulsa to detail Indian arts act**

TULSA -- A public seminar concerning the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 will be Aug. 8, 9 a.m. to noon, at the Greenwood Cultural Center.

The seminar will feature discussions on HR2006, identifying the provisions of the Act that may be subject to clarifying regulations.

Participants will learn how to play an active role in the development of those regulations, according to a notice issued by the State Arts Council of Oklahoma.

The seminar is sponsored by the arts council, the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, the Oklahoma Indian Bar Association, the American Indian Bar Association and the American Indian Heritage Center Inc.

The agenda features:

- the legislative history of the act by Connie Hart, president-elect of the AIBA;
- the structure and regulations of the act by Arvo Q. Mikkanen, attorney for the Andrews Davis Law Firm and president of the OIBA and AIBA;

- the rulemaking process by Sharon Blackwell, Assistant Regional Solicitor for Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior; and
- an open forum.

Moderating the forum will be Gloria Valencia-Weber, assistant professor at the University of Tulsa College of Law.

# Art market to stress dances

**Powwow featuring tribal town participation, other contests**

OKMULGEE -- The fourth annual Oklahoma Indian Art Market and Inter-Tribal Powwow will be Sept. 20-21 at the Creek Council House Museum here.

The event is sponsored by the Creek Indian Memorial Association and the Creek Council House Board.

Four Muscogee tribal towns will be sharing their Mvskoke ceremonial ground specialty dances on both nights. This will be in addition to the powwow.

The powwow will feature men's dancing contests in fancy, straight and traditional and women's

contests in buckskin, cloth and fancy shawl. A junior division and tiny tots division also will be offered.

Head staff for this year's powwow will be Tony Arkeketa (Ponca), master of ceremonies; Warren Weller (Caddo), head man dancer; Andy Lowe (Muscogee), head gourd dancer; Lupe Lefthand (Cherokee), head lady dancer; Vernon Adkins, head singer; and John Peacock, arena director.

Native American artists will be displaying and selling their craft on the Council House lawn. The Little Mr. and Miss Oklahoma Indian Art Market contest also will be judged.

For information on dance contests, contact Pat Kelly at (918) 496-7792. For arts and crafts booths, call (918) 756-2324.



Tillie Noon-Tomah's metalwork is on sale at the Creek Council House Museum in Okmulgee.

## Metalsmith shows Mvskoke influence

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

OKMULGEE -- Mvskoke metalsmith Tillie Noon-Tomah has lived among the Diné people for more than a decade. She has taught their young and raised her own children on their reservations.

But when looking at her metalwork it is evident she is Mvskoke and has not lost sight of where she comes from.

Tillie (Martha) has worked with every type of metal. She works predominantly in silver and uses some copper for its healing qualities.

Tillie, 37, said she has done research on Mvskoke gorgets, beadwork and chains. She didn't realize Mvskokes were metalsmiths until she began her research three years ago.

Among her more traditional jewelry are her gorgets. Historically, Mvskoke men of prominence, such as mekkos, wore these necklaces. Early gorgets were of circular shape and made of shell, copper or silver obtained from captured Spanish armor.

Most gorgets represented the sun. The crescent

shape was influenced by Europeans.

Old gorgets were either quite textured, where hammer marks left raised bumps, or very smooth. With planishing marks -- a flat hammer mark that creates a pattern on a gorgets surface -- Tillie has a combination of both traditional styles. She tries to implement both aspects of traditional and contemporary in her work.

"A lot of it is going to have Mvskoke traits or designs; I do have influence from the plains because my husband is plains (Comanche)," she said.

Tillie maintains her designs are never aesthetic.

"My designs have to mean something. I don't put it there just because it looks good; I have to know why it's there and what it means."

Tillie often adorns her work with fetishes such as turtles. She is an avid collector of turtles because they are symbolic of good luck.

She also uses owls, which supposedly are bad signs; birds, her clan symbol; ballsticks and stompdancers. Tillie's work includes ribbon combs, spiral hair ties, bracelets, pins, and necklaces, bracelets and earrings. Jewelry done in Roman chain style are her

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## Obituaries

### Anderson Hagie

TULSA -- Anderson Hagie, 75, died July 20 at the Hillcrest Medical Center here. Hagie was born in Sapulpa on Jan. 26, 1916 to Ben Hagie and Martha Tiger. He attended school at Dwight Mission Indian Training School and Mounds High School. He was a private first class in the U.S. Marine Corps and was stationed in the Pacific area, 6th Marine Corps from 1944 through 1946. He fought at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands in 1945. He also participated in the occupation of Japan in 1946. He was wounded in action in 1945, awarded the Purple Heart, and given an honorable discharge on Feb. 18, 1946. His occupation consisted of assembly line work, yardwork and shop helper. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eileen Hagie, his son, Andrew Hagie and brothers. Survivors: his daughter, Martha T. Watashe and grandchildren, Floyd Marshall Jr., Eli Marshall, Kenny Marshall, Sheila Gaston, Solomon Watashe, Ben Watashe and nine great-grandchildren.



### May Bell 'Honey' Skaggs

OKLAHOMA CITY -- May Bell 'Honey' Hawkins Skaggs died July 17 at Oklahoma Memorial Hospital. May Bell was born in Stidham Oct. 16, 1916 to Daniel and Rhoda Been Hawkins. Services were July 20 at Little Coweta Indian Baptist Church with the Revs. Gary Hawkins, Phil Lawrence and Boney McIntosh officiating. Interment was at the Hawkins Family Cemetery. She was married to Drennon 'Drew' C. Skaggs in May 1939. He preceded her in death in February 1963. May Bell was a homemaker and mother. Tending her roses, flower beds and doll collecting were among her hobbies. She resided in Stidham all her life and was a member of Little Coweta Indian Baptist Church. Survivors: eight children, Christine Leon of Firebaugh, Calif., Farcey Coachman of Webbers Falls, Joyce Bailey of Del City, JoAnn Skaggs of Lawrence, Kan., David Skaggs of Firebaugh, Calif., Charles Skaggs of Checotah; Freda Determan of Sedalia, Mo., and James Skaggs of Oklahoma City; 27 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren; one brother, four sisters, one sister-in-law, one brother-in-law, two daughters-in-law; two sons-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

## Mvtos

### From the May Bell 'Honey' Skaggs family:

We'd like to thank all family and friends who showed their concern and offered support through words of encouragement and offerings of food and flowers during the loss of our beloved mother.

We would also like to thank and express our appreciation for the efforts of the Revs. Gary Hawkins, Phil Lawrence, Boney McIntosh, the Little Coweta Indian Baptist Church members, the Checotah Indian Community and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

### Juanita Jo Harjochee

OKEMAH -- Juanita Jo Harjochee, 68, of Okemah died July 10 in Midwest City. Services were July 13 at Buckeye Church with the Rev. Louis Harjo officiating. Burial was in the Unussee Family Cemetery. Mrs. Harjochee was born Nov. 6, 1922, in Okemah to Barney and Nicey Unussee. She was a homemaker and member of Creek Chapel Methodist Church and the Okfuskee Indian Community. In 1938, she married Amos Unussee in Okemah. He preceded her in death in 1983. Also preceding her in death were her parents, one son, Jacob; two brothers, Raymond Unussee and Jesse Unussee; and one sister, Ella Phillips. Survivors: two sons, Barney of Okemah and Timmy of Ada; one adopted son, Newman Phillips of Okmulgee; three daughters, Irene Culley of Okemah, Martha Duvall of Hitchita and Molly Harjochee of Okemah; one brother, Freeland Unussee, and 20 grandchildren.

### Nelson Joe Bruner

WETUMKA -- Nelson Joe Bruner, 79, died July 11 at Wetumka General Hospital. Services were July 15 with graveside services at the Lamar Cemetery. Bruner attended Lamar Public Schools until junior high. He also attended Riverside Boarding School in Anadarko. In 1942, he married Luella Smith at Dustin. In 1952, they moved to Oklahoma City where he worked for the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds. In 1958, they moved to Tulsa and in 1979, they returned to Hughes County. He was a member of Middle Creek Baptist Church No. 1. He was preceded in death by his wife, Luella Bruner, on March 1. Survivors: three sons, Kruger 'Sonny' Bruner of Tulsa, Marvin W. Bruner of Glenpool and Charles N. Bruner of Dustin; one daughter, Jackie Thomas of Claremore; eight grandchildren, one great grandson and several other nieces.

### Received from the Office of Principal Chief

The family of Gregg Sevier would like to thank the Creek Nation for your generous gift in connection with the death of our son. We will be forever grateful for your act of kindness. It makes us feel proud to be a member of the Creek tribe and people like you, are there helping the people in time of need. Thank you again.

Orene and Willie Sevier, Lawrence, Kan.

### From the family of Thomasena Barnett

Many thanks to members of Nyuaka Church, Nuyaka Tribal Town and Creek Nation, also to all of those who sent cards, flowers food and prayers along with their presence during our loss. Thank you for all your help.

### Ruth Englert Headrick

LOCUST GROVE -- Ruth Headrick, 88, of Locust Grove died July 7 in Tahlequah. Services were July 11 with the Rev. Bill Grass officiating. Burial was in the Hogan Cemetery in Locust Grove. Headrick was born Dec. 23, 1902 in Haskell, I.T. She was the daughter of Daniel Boone and Mary Isabelle (Berryhill) Smith. She was married twice, to Joe Englert and Lucien Headrick, who both preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were her parents and five brothers: Franklin and Albert Smith of Haskell, Clem Smith of Muskogee, William Smith of Longview, Texas, and John Daniel Smith of Morris. Two sisters, Mary Alice Smith of Haskell and Pearl Edwards of Tulsa, also preceded her in death. Survivors: one brother, C.N. (Bennie) Smith of Pawhuska, and one sister, Ida Belle Regan of Del City.

### Thomasena Barnett

BRISTOW -- Thomasena Barnett, 19, died June 16 in Bristow. Wake services were June 18 and funeral services were June 19 at the Taryole home. Burial was in the Taryole Cemetery in Okemah with the Rev. John Lowe officiating and Marvin and Legus Lowe assisting. Thomasena was born Sept. 6, 1971 at Claremore. She attended and graduated at Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah. She was employed at Labarge Electronics in Tulsa. Survivors: her mother, Thelma Barnett of Bristow; her father, Edward Barnett of Henryetta; her grandfather, Thomas Taryole of Okemah; two brothers, Thomas Barnett of Watts and Tyrone Barnett of Bristow; two half-brothers, Daniel Barnett of Tulsa and Bruce Barnett of Glenpool; three half-sisters, Debbie Staff of Henryetta, Karen Little of Seminole and Elaine Barnett of Henryetta; a niece, aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

## Genealogy Search

If you need help in genealogy research and tracing your ancestry, address your inquiry to the Communications Department, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Your inquiry may be printed in this space provided by The Muscogee Nation News for others to help in your search. The Communications Department will print inquiries only and cannot aid in research efforts. Remember to include your return address.

I would appreciate any information anyone could give me on my paternal grandparents, Clinton Patrick Summers and Malinda Jane Dickerson. He was given 160 acres west of Henryetta in the Land

Allotment (as were his children). I believe he was born Aug. 30, 1857 and she Oct. 20, 1858 and married in 1879. To my knowledge, their children were Tom, born in 1880; Jim, 1881; Dee, 1886; Ada, 1888; Frank, May 27, 1890; Corda, 1894; Mary, 1895; and Pet, 1898. C.P. Summers died in 1924 and M.J. in 1931 and are buried in a Henryetta cemetery. I am particularly interested in where they were born, where they lived before they came to what is now Oklahoma and what year they built their house on the 160 acres.

Margaret Summers Barton, 2589 S. Sierra Vista Ave., Fresno, CA, 93725.

My name is Terry Peavy. My grandmother's name is Millie Naharkey Yeatman. Her father, Mooser (a.k.a.) Moses Naharkey, died when she

was 1. He was 46. She had a half-brother by the name of Sam Naharkey who was 20 at the time of their father's death in 1905. Sam married Suzie Hickory and I was told they had two daughters, Elsafene and Millie (by his mother's name). Sam was born in 1885 and died in 1953. I would like to hear from other family members of Sam and Suzie (Hickory) Naharkey so I may receive more information about my maternal great-grandfather, Mooser (Moses) Naharkey. Also, if anyone has information about a Suzie Fry Naharkey or Suzie Naharkey Fry. I don't know who she was, but her name was provided by the Tulsa Historical Society. These are the only Naharkeys buried in Bixby Cemetery. She was born in 1835 and died in 1874.

Terri Peavy, 56 N. Wheeling, Tulsa, OK 74110



## Sports In Brief

American Indian Heritage Center  
golf tournament, Aug. 9-11

TULSA -- A golf tournament benefitting the American Indian Heritage Center is scheduled Aug. 9 through 11 at Mohawk Park Golf Course. The tournament is played in conjunction with the Tulsa Powwow. Flights will be Men's Championship, A, B and C, Special Scramble and Ladies Scramble Flight. Deadline for the \$60 entry fee is Aug. 5 (\$65 after Aug. 5). Entry fee includes green fees and Saturday dinner. The field will be limited to 120 players. An optional mixed scramble will be played at 10 a.m. Aug. 9. Registration will be at 9 a.m. and the entry fee is \$15. On Aug. 10 and 11, the tournament will be played from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dinner followed by an auction of golfers will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 10. Prizes will be awarded to medalists, closest to pin and longest drive. A \$10,000 hole-in-one contest is scheduled Aug. 10. Entry fees are available by calling the AIHC at (918) 585-8444 (from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) or write to American Indian Heritage Center Inc., Harwelden 2210 S. Main, Tulsa, OK 74114.

## Camp meeting scheduled

MOUNDS -- The Morning Star Ministry's third annual camp meeting will be Sept. 4-8. The meeting will be on 221st street and five miles east off Oklahoma highway 75. The camp is sponsored by Liberty Faith, Yardeka Indian Community and Morning Star Ministries. Guest speaker is Sonny White.

## Defense seminar Sept. 7

OKMULGEE -- A women's self-defense seminar is scheduled Sept. 7 at Covelle Hall at Oklahoma State University/Okmulgee. The seminar will be taught by Tim Stone, owner of Stone's Karate & Fitness. Registration fee is \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door. Deadline is Aug. 30.

## Senior Spotlight

**Roger Birdcreek (Creek)**  
School: Weleetka High School.

**Parents:** Ms. Joyce Harrison of Weleetka.

**Grandparents:** Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Birdcreek of Weleetka.

**Activities:** Football (four years), baseball (four years), basketball (three years), band (three years), dramatics (two years) and Future Farmers of America (one year).

**Honors/awards:** 1988-89 2-A state champion basketball team member, South player for the 1991 Lake Eufaula Senior All-Star Football Classic, 1990 senior homecoming escort and Who's Who Among American High School Students (one year).

**Plans to attend:** Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Okla.



Orene Sevier, Second Chief Perry Beaver, Willie Sevier and Stan Ross (Sign Project chairman for the Haskell Alumni Association) look over a donation in behalf of the tribe in memory of Greg Sevier.

## Shooting

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relations and still more inquests.

First of all shock: The Seviers had no idea the worse would happen when they called the police to their residence to talk with their son, clutching a butcher knife and apparently despondent over personal problems.

Minutes after police arrived, Gregory was shot to death in his bedroom. The officers claimed Gregory lunged at them. The Seviers contend the officers didn't know how to handle the situation and panicked.

Next, outrage: The Indian community in Lawrence already had been frustrated by the police's inability to solve the recent deaths of three other Native Americans. "This kind of brought it to a head," Sevier said.

Public forums after the Sevier shooting amplified their outrage and attracted a U.S. Civil Rights Commission inquiry.

"There's always been tension between minority groups and the police department in Lawrence," said Ric Anderson, who covered the shooting for *The Lawrence Daily Journal-World*. "It seemed like it was worse after the shooting."

Then came the inquests, one after another:

A coroner's inquest determined the officers were justified in shooting and killing Gregory.

The FBI announced a week after the shooting it would launch an investigation into the shooting to determine if any federal civil rights laws were violated.

In mid-July, the civil rights inquiry conducted a data-gathering briefing for presentation to a Kansas state advisory panel.

And efforts to sooth community relations:

In June, letters were sent from the Haskell administration, community leaders and Indian community leaders to tribal leaders outlining steps these organizations were taking to improving the city's relations with its Native American residents.

At a press conference July 19, Second Chief Perry Beaver said the Creek Nation supports these steps being taken by the City of Lawrence, the Lawrence Indian Center and Haskell Indian Junior College.

"Our elders used to tell us that some of the

problems we see in today's society can be attributed to the misunderstandings of culture this country offers," Beaver said at the press conference.

Lawrence Mayor Robert Walters pledged the city's continued cooperation in the efforts to unify the Indian community with the rest of the Lawrence community. He also called for a common progress report to be distributed soon on the initiatives outlined in the June letter.

The programs outlined in the June letter include:

- the formation of the Lawrence Alliance, a group organized to address discrimination;
  - an independent peer review of the policies and procedures of the Lawrence Police Department.
- The city also will form a community review committee to investigate complaints made against law enforcement agencies.

Willie Sevier said he hopes the community enforces these programs.

"They did this 20 years ago. If they had followed it, what happened to our son never would have happened," he said.

The Seviers said they are far from being through with the matter. They plan court action.

They've consulted with Topeka attorney Tom Wright, who specializes in cases against law enforcement agencies.

"We've got a bunch of people, Indians and non-Indians, working with us on this," Willie said.

Friends of the Seviers have established a fund at two banks in Lawrence, the First National Bank of Lawrence (900 Massachusetts) and Douglas County State Bank (Ninth and Kentucky streets, P.O. Box 429, zip: 66044).

The U.S. Civil Rights Commission set up a hearing to gather information on the administration of justice in the Native American community in Douglas County, said Ascension Hernandez, civil rights analyst for the commission's Kansas City, Mo., office.

"It wasn't any individual case that did it. What we're trying to do is come out with a report (to a state civil rights advisory committee)," he said.

The commission interviewed Lawrence residents -- pro, con and indifferent -- about the administration of justice in the Native American community, Hernandez said.

"We hope it was beneficial to the community," he said. "We wanted to take a closer look and (determine) if we do want to take a deeper look."



## Metalsmith

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most expensive pieces because of the intricate process required in making them. Each link in Roman chain is individually soldered first. Her work ranges from \$45 to \$2,500.

Her first exhibit was at Red Earth and Creek Nation Festival '91.

"What meant a lot to me was no person said it was too expensive."

Tillie said it is impossible for her to create custom orders, although she doesn't duplicate her jewelry.

"I rarely make two things that are the same; my work is one of a kind."

She often ends up giving away her jewelry when she sees that someone truly values her work.

"I don't want to get rich off them. I don't make them to sell, I just get enjoyment out of it. I just want people to appreciate my work. Everytime I make something, it means something to me," she said.

Tillie said she always leaves a flaw in her work even if it's just a scratch.

"It's a reminder that nothing is perfect; there's always room for improvement."

Tillie was born and raised in Wetumka. She belongs to the bird clan, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town and Sand Creek Indian Baptist Church.

The full-blood Creek began drawing at the age of 10. Although she is consumed with her metalwork, drawing is also her first love. Norman Rockwell and Michaelangelo are her favorite artists.

"I would like to be the Norman Rockwell of Indian art."

Tillie also does beadwork and weaves ceremonial dance sashes.

She met her husband, while attending Central State University in Edmond. Eleven years ago she, her husband and their children, Leanna and Kelly, moved to Arizona, where her husband was raised. Though her children have been raised in Arizona most of their lives, she constantly reminds them where home is.

"I always tell my kids 'this is where your people are from; this is where you belong.'"

Since obtaining a bachelor of science in education and fine arts, she has taught art to fourth through sixth graders in the Chinle Public School System. She is a co-sponsor for the Chinle School District Chapter.

Tillie took her first metal jewelry class at Haskell Indian Junior College. She received an associate art degree from the Institute of American Indian Arts, Sante Fe and obtained her bachelor's degree from Northern Arizona University in 1990.

She is a member of the Native American Honor Society. This summer NAU offered her a tuition-free term to begin working on her master's degree, but she turned it down.

"As long as my parents are alive, I'll come home," said Tillie, the daughter of Leanna (Barnett) and Nathan Noon.

She said she would move back to Oklahoma if she could find a job within the next two years. She spends her summers here now.

"I love the work I do and I'm excited because I feel like I'm holding onto a little part of our history as a metalsmith."

Her objective is to be well known in Oklahoma by the time she's 45.

"My friend said 'Tillie, I want the world' and I said 'I want Oklahoma, because that's where my people are at.'"

## Yuchis

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for such an effort, he said.

"A lot of groups have taken anywhere from five to 20 years," he said.

During this waiting period the organization will concentrate on developing an on-going archive repository.

"Our intention is to establish an archive for researchers who want to develop a greater appreciation for their own historical ties," Rolland said.

The Yuchi Tribal Organization executive board members have shown interest in establishing a Yuchi tribal festival sometime in 1992, he said.

The organization will take an active part in Sapulpa Fest Aug. 16-17 this month. Among its activities will be arts and crafts and traditional food sales.

After receiving federal recognition the main objective of the tribe will be to provide an organization for its people and respond to their sense of self government, Rolland said.

Promotion of a greater awareness of Yuchi identity is also paramount to the tribe in order to "help build a bridge of understanding of where they came, so they can make a more educational determination of where they would like to go, which is the foundation of self determination," he said.

There are around 20 to 30 elders fluent in the Yuchi language; the organization believes there may be more, Rolland said.

Intensification of the preservation of language is a large part of the promotion of Yuchi identity, Rolland said. The language will be preserved through documentation of oral history and getting fluent Yuchi speakers recorded.

The tribe plans to provide language instruction for its people through the utilization of all teaching

methods, he said. It also plans to utilize resources from neighboring universities in developing a language program and an educational curriculum, which could be established in local school systems.

Once recognition is achieved, Yuchi tribal enrollment will be based on Dawes Commission Rolls.

The Dawes Commission Census was the mechanism used by the U.S. Department of the Interior for the identification of Muscogean speaking people, Rolland said.

And because the census was dependent on the tribal town census and since the tribal towns "have all the trappings of individual tribes, which make a confederation, it's legitimate that the Dawes Commission rolls could be used for identifying individuals who have Yuchi blood through their tribal town identity," Rolland said.

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council has shown its support of the organization's efforts through the passage of a resolution last October. The bill states the Council fully supports the organization in its efforts to gain federal acknowledgment.

"I'd support them the same way I support the other three tribal towns, if that's (federal recognition) their desire," said Ed Frye, a Creek District representative who authored the resolution. Frye is Creek-Yuchi.

Most of the Yuchi population's blood quantum is one-half or more, Rolland said.

He estimates 10 percent of Muscogee (Creek) citizens are recorded on the Yuchis' organization listing.

The Council hasn't officially addressed the possibility of losing Creek membership resulting from the Yuchis' federal recognition, Frye said.

The provision of services to Yuchis after federal recognition is "something to be negotiated after recognition, through bureau process," Rolland said.

## Judicial

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resolved earlier if Principal Chief Claude Cox had complied with the ordinance.

"I believe the courts have made it quite clear to the Chief that this is a three-branch government," Kamp said. "I'd like to see this settled; I've been pursuing this since 1988."

Cox said he will respond to the injunction after the Aug. 6 hearing.

In other business, the judicial branch:

-- said stipends paid to court officials were justified. Supreme Court Chief Justice Joe Johnson, Justice Clarence Douglas. District Court Judge Pat Moore, legal assistant Mark Dobbs and court clerk Lane Morgan, along with National Council members George Almerigi (Okmulgee District), Ed Frye (Creek District) and Kamp, attended a legal symposium in Seattle, Wash., June 28 through July 2.

Judicial branch records reveal the trip cost \$5,533.34 in travel expenses and another \$7,380 in stipends paid to the jurists for time spent on tribal business. Morgan did not receive stipends as she is employed with the judicial branch.

At the July 24 meeting, the court concluded the payments were within the regulations established by ordinance; and

-- referred a facilities use agreement between the tribe and Okmulgee County for the use of their jail to the Lighthouse Commission. No date has been set for the meeting.

## Council

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"But taking the money that's not in our tribal treasury is not right."

At an Aug. 1 special session the Council failed to override the veto. The bill was then reintroduced and amended. The new language will require the health board to remit \$20,000 to the tribal treasury.

That bill passed.

The only other legislation approved at the July 18 session was a \$5,000 appropriation to David Wilde of Glenpool for legal fees in his custody battle. The Council approved a \$10,000 appropriation for Wilde in June. That bill too, was vetoed. The Council could not override the veto at its June session.

Cox vetoed the latest bill contending the legislation could set a precedent that could cause similar requests from several citizens.

Wilde is seeking the return of his son, now residing in California with his mother.

At the July 27 regular session, the Council also approved funding an Indian Youth-at-Risk project.

The Indian Youth-at-Risk project is for children age 9-13 and is funded primarily by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through Oklahoma State University and the County Cooperative Extension Agencies.

The \$5,000 supplement will be used for supplies and other expenses at Wilson Schools in Okmulgee County and Oktaha Schools in Muskogee County.

The Council's next regular session is Aug. 30.



# Quarterly financial statement

For quarter ending  
on June 30, 1991

The Creek Nation's Office of the Treasury, as one of its major functions, produces a series of monthly budgetary and general ledger reports on all activities and programs of the Creek Nation. These reports are made available to appropriate tribal management personnel and other interested parties.

The Office of the Treasury maintains an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. It meets the standards and reporting requirements of the Government Finance Officers Association and the reporting requirements as established under the A-128 Single Audit Act.

Reports prepared under these standards tend to be technical and complex by nature. They may require a more in-depth understanding of both accounting principles and fund accounting than those of other entities.

In order to keep tribal members aware of the financial status of the Creek Nation, a summary quarterly. This statement has been prepared on a cash basis to reflect receipts and expenditures accumulated on a year-to-date basis.

A detailed explanation of the reading of this statement is as follows:

**PROGRAM NAME:** Provides the titles of various programs and activities of the Creek Nation.

**RECEIPTS:** Provides a year-to-date total of all cash collected for this program.

**BUDGET:** Provides the approved budget for the current fiscal year, for federal and tribal funds.

**ENCUMBERED FUNDS:** Provides totals, at the date of report, for commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services.

**EXPENDED FUNDS:** Provides totals for all obligations incurred and paid at the date of report.

**UNENCUMBERED FUNDS:** This gives the balance of the budget minus encumbered funds minus expended funds. This is the balance available for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Program Name	Receipts	Budget	Encumbered	Expended	Unencumbered
General Taxes & License	757,078	775,858	8,575	455,067	312,216
Administration/Indirect	804,906	1,520,962	6,309	1,166,141	348,512
Consumer Loans	96,120	95,293	924	47,784	46,585
Communications	278,153	273,035	2,708	218,936	51,391
Creek Nation Bingo	1,955,532	2,424,367	32,657	1,657,307	734,403
1991 Tribal Budget	1,430,661	1,588,900	4,543	999,759	584,598
Job Trng & Plcmnt Act	6,948	0	0	0	0
Job Trng & Plcmnt Act	421,948	551,814	250	391,937	159,627
J.T.P.A. 1991	83,344	349,829	1,644	104,072	244,113
Family Violence Prevention	141	0	0	0	0
Admin on Aging 89	57	0	0	0	0
HHS Head Start 90	180,407	179,502	0	162,163	17,339
Admin on Aging	48,863	77,268	179	47,177	29,912
Com.Ser.Block Grant	1,593	2,390	0	1,510	880
L.I.H.E.A.P.	1,536	1,794	0	1,385	409
Child Serv. Title IV-B	5,639	1,597	0	1,371	226
Homeless Assist. Act '90	3,566	425	0	425	0
Family Violence Prev.	6,338	11,856	116	4,890	6,850
Adolescent Sub Abuse	0	28,009	0	3,030	24,979
HHS Head Start 91	316,779	572,896	2,550	322,142	248,204
Admin on Aging 91	3,633	84,768	0	3,633	81,135
Com.Dev.Block Grant '91	13,786	15,459	0	14,085	1,374
L.I.H.E.A.P.91	48,613	58,137	0	49,225	8,912
Title IV-B Child Serv	33,041	55,743	1,615	33,041	21,087
Homeless Assist. Act.	264	7,111	0	1,759	5,352
Com.Dev.Block Grant '87	5,170	5,171	0	5,171	0
OIAC - Energy Assistance	2,778	0	0	0	0
Com.Dev.Block Grant '9	154,809	440,000	34,090	154,808	251,102
Food Distribution 1991	185,504	247,339	3,393	197,159	46,787
OIAC - Energy Assistance	6,000	6,000	0	5,916	84
Admin On Aging USDA-reimb	13,431	53,900	2,939	40,269	10,692
Headstart USDA-Reimburse	33,764	38,241	0	35,755	2,486
Euf. Dorm-Activity Fund	4,590	43,760	176	5,703	37,881
BIA-Adult Education	45,658	41,064	0	38,159	2,905
BIA-Aid to Tribal Gov	7,585	19,360	0	18,148	1,212
BIA-Community Services	4,774	3,001	0	2,766	235
BIA-Higher Education	68,008	77,340	0	60,961	16,379
BIA-Adult Vocat. Trng	110,490	94,498	0	90,105	4,393
BIA-Credit & Finance	30,028	23,540	708	7,904	14,928
BIA-Other Employ. Assistance	702	37	0	0	37
BIA-JOM Early Childhood	5,122	5,171	0	5,122	49
BIA-Agriculture	53,491	40,157	0	38,671	1,486
BIA-Social Services	47,325	39,313	0	38,782	531
BIA-Housing	73,942	58,957	370	50,361	8,226
BIA-Real Estate Appraisals	49,220	47,241	57	46,027	1,157
BIA-Water Resources	169	0	0	0	0
BIA-Other Real Estate	39,846	32,336	0	32,336	0
BIA-Eufaula Dorm (Maint)	5,342	203,477	0	178,548	24,929
BIA-Eufaula Dorm (Education)	41,789	143,899	213	96,745	46,941
BIA-Indian Chld. Welfare	18,831	9,200	0	7,157	2,043
BIA-Adult Education	75,596	117,311	533	77,091	39,687
BIA-Aid to Tribal Gov	239,752	297,863	4,835	242,068	50,960
BIA-Community Services	92,524	109,353	319	94,085	14,949
BIA-Higher Education	407,226	616,943	452	409,226	207,265
BIA-Natural Resource	227,149	371,366	8,319	231,912	131,135
BIA-Adult Vocat. Trng	179,462	252,991	330	182,950	69,711
BIA-Employ. Assistance	18,535	18,767	0	18,740	27
BIA-JOM Early Childhood	17,211	17,257	0	17,210	47
BIA-Agriculture	62,540	159,574	265	63,899	95,410
BIA-Social Services	169,358	239,156	381	172,353	66,422
BIA-Housing	93,680	205,490	3,730	94,849	106,911
BIA-Real Estate Appraisals	45,677	104,180	934	47,826	55,420
BIA-Real Estate Service	100,138	150,539	22	102,104	48,413
Eufaula Dormitory	855,212	842,000	7,618	699,387	134,995
Outpatient Clinics	0	5,971	3,786	0	2,185
Alcohol/Substance Abuse	2,083	0	0	0	0
Com.Health Rep. 89	521,154	781,384	1,485	482,884	297,015
89 Outpatient Clinics	0	29,114	4,858	1,036	23,220
Tribal-Property & Supply	29,809	208,000	9,017	174,435	24,548
Festival Committee '89	64,248	75,883	0	68,489	7,394
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10,708,668</b>	<b>14,953,157</b>	<b>150,900</b>	<b>10,023,956</b>	<b>4,778,301</b>



# Otowo'skuce (Little Chestnut month) September

Net'tv-ca'ko SUNDAY	Mv'nte MONDAY	Tu'ste TUESDAY	Net'tvca'kuce-en nvrkvp'v WEDNESDAY	Rv'ste THURSDAY	Fli'te FRIDAY	Nettv-ca'ko-cu'se SATURDAY
1  ■ Listed by date and time are chartered community meetings	2  Kellyville, 7 p.m.	3  Tulsa, 6:30 p.m. Okla. City, 7 p.m. Okfuskee, 7 p.m.	4	5  Okemah, 7:30 p.m.	6	7
8  Muskogee, 7:30 p.m. Wetumka, 7 p.m. Hanna, 7 p.m. Okmulgee, 7 p.m. Sapulpa, 7 p.m. Beggs, 7 p.m.	10  Checotah, 6 p.m. Glenpool, 6:30 p.m.	11	12	13	14	
15	16  Bristow, 7 p.m. Holdenville, 7 p.m. Wilson, 7 p.m. Coweta, 7:30 p.m.	17  Dewar, 7 p.m.	18	19  Okemah, 7:30 p.m.	20	21  Chief Candidates Forum, 1 p.m. Okmulgee
22	23	24  Duck Creek, 7 p.m.	25	26  Eufaula, 7 p.m.	27	28  National Council, Okmulgee, 10 a.m.
29	30  Yardeka, 7:30 p.m. Weleetka, 7 p.m.					

MNN September deadline: Aug. 23

## Commodity distribution

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Commodity Program makes stops at 12 Indian community centers monthly.

Distribution sites include:

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Glenpool	First and third Wednesday
*Bristow	First and third Thursday
**Kellyville	First and third Thursday

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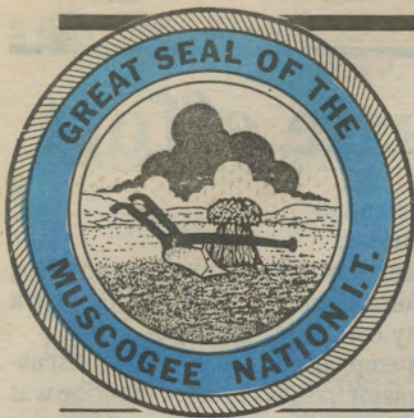
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Peggy Berryhill has worked in mass communications through newspapers and radio for two decades. Her radio series, *Spirits of the Present: The Legacy from Native America*, will be heard on public radio stations nationwide beginning in January of 1992.

## SETTING AMERICA STRAIGHT

Creek produces radio series  
to counter Columbus hype

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

**W**ith the hype certain to ensue over the 500th year since Christopher Columbus' supposed discovery of the Americas, people worldwide will be audience to predominantly glorifying exhibits and accounts of his exploits.

But through the efforts of Mvskoke citizen Peggy Berryhill, Americans will have an opportunity to experience the flip side of the quincentennial celebration.

As coordinating radio producer of "Spirits of the Present: The Legacy from Native America," Berryhill will produce in 1992 the only nationally-syndicated series that will deal with the quincentennial from the Native Americans' perspective.

The series is one of many projects Berryhill has taken on in the past two decades. In that time, Berryhill has worked in print journalism, public radio and produced other radio projects.

She's accomplished all this despite not

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## Officials: Hospital in trouble

Cash flow problem,  
lack of accreditation  
may threaten services

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

**O**KMULGEE -- The Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah may be in financial trouble with possible cutbacks in services.

Hospital and Clinics Board Chair Shelly Crow explained in tribal district court that if the board is forced to pay the balance of a \$272,200 loan from the tribal administration, services will suffer first.

Additionally, the hospital is not accredited with the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

On Aug. 19, the court ruled the tribal health board must repay the balance (\$122,000) of the loan due to the tribal treasury. Crow said she did not make payment because the Council did not order her to comply with National Council

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## CREEK CAMPAIGN '91

Voters reminded to register

**D**eadlines approach for Muscogee (Creek) Nation voters and candidates.

Candidate filing period is Sept. 16-18. Citizens will elect a principal chief, second chief and all seats on the National Council.

Voters casting absentee ballot must register by Oct. 1. Precinct registration closes Oct. 15. Precinct voters must have their address current with the election board or risk being ineligible.

Call the election board at (918) 756-8700.



Letter to the editor

## Kellyville officers responds; urges unity in communities

### Editor:

In response to the article "Kellyville struggling over leadership" appearing in the August issue of *The Muscogee Nation News*, the Kellyville Indian Community would like everyone to know the truth.

Then vice-chair Dorothy Lee, with an unspecified number of community members, sought a temporary restraining order against the executive board members in tribal court.

We did receive the petition May 30, one day before the hearing.

This did not give the board enough time to prepare for the hearing. We hired an attorney who was successful in his motion for a continuance.

The executive board was present with its attorney at the June 10 hearing. Lee was not present but was represented by Delbert Dunn and Newman Littlebear.

The injunction was dismissed that day.

I feel this hearing should have never happened because the executive board was acting in the best interest of the community. It is really a terrible thing that some of the people in the community have been blind to the truth and have been from the beginning.

The executive board is hoping that by following our Constitution and by-laws we will get the people to see that we are governed by laws and that the laws passed by the executive board have been ignored.

Pauline Hite did resign as (community) chair at a July 15 special meeting attended by three people; herself, Dorothy Lee and Willie Adams.

Lee had been removed from office for missing the June 3 and July 1 meetings. The members present at the July 1 meeting voted for her removal.

Hite was instructed to inform Dorothy of the community's decision but did not.

Two consecutive absences of an officer from regularly scheduled meeting is grounds for removal from office. Additionally, any officer can, with just cause, be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Lee was informed of her removal by certified mail. Community secretary Beverly Watashe, sent the letter July 22 and she signed for it July 23.

I believe Hite knew she was incapable of holding the office and that she wasn't working with the board.

There were occasions when she would receive information from the Creek Nation to share with the board members and we would not get it for months.

She also made purchases without board approval and refused a number of times to meet with us when requested. I believe she tried to run the community without the executive board members.

I would like to advise all other communities that are having problems within: "United you stand, divided you fall." We need to work together for the good of everyone concerned and especially for the future of our children. We are blessed to have the opportunity and resources to assist our communities to prosper not just our members but all of the community. The sky is the limit when we work together for a common cause.

So, we need to work together.

Charles Watashe, Kellyville

Editor's note: Watashe is the Kellyville community reporter.

# Environmentalists waste effort

This summer, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, as well as other tribes, have been in the news for considering waste management proposals as economic development projects.

Tribal governments, because of their sovereign status, have been sought by waste disposal operators and managers because of convenience.

A joint operation with a tribe would prevent Oklahoma from regulating any of the project. The business venture still would be subject to federal regulation.

Earlier this year, it was the Kaw tribe in north central Oklahoma that received headlines for the proposed placement of a waste incinerator on tribal land near Ponca City.

The Pawnees found themselves in the newspapers for negotiating with cities to import waste to Oklahoma for composting on tribal land.

The Pawnees, with tribal headquarters and a Bureau of Indian Affairs agency in the city bearing their name, are a 90-minute drive northwest of Tulsa.

The Pawnees got much closer to an agreement than did the Kaws. The Pawnees' plans to operate a compost were deferred by the BIA.

In July, the Muscogee National Council heard an informal proposal from Jim Gist, who wanted to give some land to the tribe, have the land placed in trust, then lease it from the tribal government to operate an injection well.

The Council was assured no hazardous waste would be involved. Waste material would be injected 3,500 feet below the surface.

The Council thanked Mr. Gist for his presentation. Representatives from the Tahlequah-based Native Americans for a Clean Environment (NACE)



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MUSCOGEE NATION  
NEWS EDITOR

were allowed to respond.

It was just courtesy.

After all, the announced purpose of the meeting was to listen to Tulsa city officials discuss easement rights on property owned by the tribe.

News releases emphasized the easement discussion, though the major dailies reported the tribe was about to enter the waste disposal business. Editorials cautioned the tribe not to do anything hastily and lamented that Indians have a trust relationship with the federal government that prohibits the state from regulating tribal business.

It's just another verse to the same song.

There is a certain irony about this.

Consider the case of Neal Freeman.

Recently, Freeman, a Kialege, found himself in front of television cameras.

Freeman claimed that Kim-Ran, a Tulsa-based consulting engineering firm, attempted to deceive him into leasing his trust land in Wagoner County for a compost operation. Kim-Ran also is the same firm involved with the Pawnees.

In composting, processed sewer sludge is combined with paper, formed into large rolls, spread over the surface and churned every 30 days.

The intended result is two-fold: processed waste is removed from the cities and eventually becomes fertile topsoil.

But Freeman says his intent was to utilize his land for the Kialege. He was advised by a tribal Supreme Justice who is also a practicing attorney, not to enter the arrangement.

What Freeman finds interesting, is that he can't find anyone to do something about the illegal dumping occurring on his property now, nor can he find any help about what Freeman claims is an illegal oil pumping operation on his wife's land in Hughes County; certainly worthy of another story.

One can hardly be expected to believe that their case is unique.

It is more than ironic that people who concern themselves about the possible uses of tribal land have no interest in the misuse of restricted trust land; it's hypocritical.



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## Guest Commentary

## Native Americans sought as bone marrow donors

BY DIANE ORNEALS

## Registered Delaware

**M**ore than 16,000 Americans a year are diagnosed with fatal blood diseases. Native Americans contract these diseases at the same rate as other people. One effective treatment for these diseases is a bone marrow transplant.

The National Marrow Donor Program is a registry of people willing to donate bone marrow.

There is a desperate need for Native American volunteer donors. At one time fewer than 600 Native Americans were on the registry. This was a desperate situation because when a marrow match with a sibling is not found, the next step is a match with an unrelated donor. The chances of an unrelated match are 1-in-100 to 1-in-1,000,000. These odds can be dramatically improved by searching for matches among people of the same race.

Only 7.1 percent of Native Americans involved in formal searches have found donors. In other words, 92.9 percent of the Native Americans who have invested the money and emotion for a formal search for a bone marrow donor did not receive a transplant. Comparably, 20.1 percent of the Caucasians in a formal search, did find a donor.

These statistics are improving, due entirely to major recruitment activities to educate Native Americans of this need. As a result, more than 2,199 Native Americans have joined the registry.

Money is still available to add Native Americans to the registry but money for salaries to coordinate and recruit has run out! Time is of the essence. Momentum has begun. Oklahoma's Native American coordinator has made contacts, gained confidences and built trust. This could be lost if a lapse of time causes a change in personnel or worse, no further action.

I am requesting ideas as to where money might be available to pay the salary of our Native American coordinator so this very important work may continue.

For more information, contact Teresa L. McClenodon, bone marrow donor program coordinator, American Red Cross, Tulsa, (918) 831-1200.

## Corrections/Clarifications

Because of an editor's error, a portion of Thomas Yahola's announcement to run for second chief was omitted in the August edition of *The Muscogee Nation News*. Here is Yahola's announcement in its entirety. The News regrets the error.

**WETUMKA** -- Hughes-Seminole (Tuckabatche) District Rep. Thomas Yahola has announced his intention to run for second chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

According to his campaign announcement, Yahola said as second chief he will:

- uphold the tribal constitution and abide by governing ordinances;
- support and assist the principal chief and be prepared to assume leadership if necessary;
- establish rapport among the legislative and ju-

## Executive director resigns

## Resignation letter cites desire to 'pursue private interests'

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

**OKMULGEE** -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation's top administrator Gary Breshears has resigned to pursue interests in the private sector.

"At this point in my career, I have an opportunity to pursue interests in the private sector," said Breshears in his resignation letter.

Principal Chief Claude Cox said Breshears' leaving is a great loss to the tribe.

Breshears, executive director since 1979, made his resignation effective Aug. 16. He is partners in the health care consulting firm, Primax and does other consulting work.

He began his career with the tribe in 1976 as director of community services. He was appointed to the tribe's highest non-elected position in 1979.

The Muskogee resident was instrumental in the Muscogee Nation's successful effort to contract Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service Programs.

In later years, Breshears often was the center of controversy.

In 1989, IHS Contracting Officer Steven Fast Wolf alleged the Creek Nation had violated



federal law with regard to accounting procedures and that tribal administrators could not account for more than \$3 million.

IHS never had charges filed against Breshears or the tribe.

The National Council did file suit against Breshears and the company that managed the hospital until 1989, Preferred Management. The

suit asked the court to void the contract between Preferred and the tribe. Breshears also was found to be in conflict of interest but no legal action was taken against him.

Breshears denied that politics had anything to do with his resignation.

"We've been through all kinds of politics in the time I've been here," Breshears said. "Now just seems like a good time to leave."

Tribal affairs director Buddy York was named interim executive director until an appointment can be made to fill the executive position.

Breshears' resignation leaves the tribe with two directors, York and Emanuel Morgan, Human Development. The finance director and community service director positions remain open.

## School clothing bill given OK again

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

**OKMULGEE** -- The Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved \$85,000 to fund school clothing grants though the funding source has not yet been identified.

According to the bill, eligible families will receive a one-time \$50 grant per child attending school between kindergarten and 12th grade for the 1991-92 academic year.

Eligibility will be determined by income guidelines. The bill is to be funded from Fiscal Year 1991

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monies.

The bill was approved unanimously, 22-0, at the Council's Aug. 24 session.

Tulsa District Rep. Donna Rhodes expressed doubt that enough money will be available to fund the program.

"We should amend this bill now (to assure funding)," Rhodes told the Council. "(Social services Manager) Bunny Hill told (the Tulsa Creek

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dicial branches, communities and tribal citizens; and

-- be innovative and promote tribal and citizen self-sufficiency through economic development.

Yahola is employed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Tulsa. He also has been employed as the executive director of the Seminole Nation Housing Authority as well as with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Tulsa and Okmulgee.

After graduating from Wetumka High School, Yahola earned an associate's degree from Bacone College in Muskogee and a bachelor of science degree from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.



A U.S. Army veteran, Yahola is active at the Tullahassee ceremonial ground. He has discussed and lectured about Creek culture and tradition; most recently at NSU's 1991 Indian symposium.

In his first term as a representative, Yahola said he has introduced legislation for the Wetumka Community Smokeshop, the re-designation of Hughes-Seminole district as Tuckabatche and the Holdenville bingo operation. All were passed by the Council.

Yahola is the son of Bertha and the late Lyman Yahola. He is of the deer clan and son of the bear clan. His tribal town is Thlophlocco and he is also the son of Hillabee.

"With my skills, education and expertise, I intend to be an official worthy of the people's support," Yahola said.

Yahola joins Shelly Crow, Okmulgee District Rep. Tony Hale and David Lewis Jr. as announced second chief candidates.



# Dode dies at age 98

TULSA -- Waldo Emerson "Dode" McIntosh, appointed chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for five terms, died Aug. 28 at the age of 98.

He was buried at Greenlawn Cemetery in Shawnee on Aug. 29. A memorial service also was given Sept. 1 at the cemetery.

McIntosh had fallen more than a week ago and had been in bed for three days at his home here. He was cared for around-the-clock by his sons.

"He was too tired and he gave up," said Ken McIntosh, a grandson.

Dode McIntosh was appointed chief by Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall on Oct. 6, 1961. He served until 1971 when Principal Chief Claude Cox was elected.

"He was a part of tribal history," Cox said. "It's a loss for all of us."

National Council Speaker Ken Childers said he respected McIntosh's contributions to the tribe.

"He was an inspiration," Childers said. "He was always proud to be Creek and proud of the Creek people."

McIntosh was born on Feb. 26, 1893, at Carthage, Tenn. His father, A.G. (Chessie) McIntosh, was superintendent of county schools. The family moved to Checotah in 1901 where his father became tribal superintendent of schools for the Creeks and Seminoles.

Dode McIntosh graduated from Checotah High School and attended Normal High School at



File photo

W.E. 'Dode' McIntosh (1893-1991)

Eufaula where he received his teaching certificate.

During his term, the tribe won a \$3.913 million settlement in 1964 to compensate for lands taken from the Creeks unlawfully in 1814. In 1965, an additional \$1.937 million was granted to the Creeks for land taken in Seminole County.

He was a descendant of the Highland Scottish McIntosh clan. He fought in World War I and was known for leading Tulsa's Veterans Day parades in full uniform.

Survivors include two sons, Nocus of Jay and Chinnubbi of Tulsa; one daughter, Willie Lee of Riverton, Wyo.; nine grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

# Tribal high court grants injunction against directors

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Supreme Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has ruled all the directors' positions within the tribal administration be declared vacant Oct. 1.

The court granted a permanent injunction against Principal Chief Claude Cox in accordance with NCA 88-15.

That ordinance, passed with a Council override in 1988, requires the chief to have their approval to seat directors.

Cox did not comply and McIntosh District Rep. Frank Kamp filed suit in September 1990.

The chief said the order was unconstitutional. Cox, represented by Henryetta attorney Stephen Smith, filed a motion to dismiss for that reason.

But the court ruled otherwise in June.

Kamp filed for the injunction after that decision. The request asked the court to prohibit Cox from reclassifying, renaming or reassigning his directors to avoid complying with the ordinance.

As of Aug. 15, only two directors remain: Buddy York, tribal affairs; and Emanuel Morgan, human development.

A week after the order was filed Aug. 9, Executive Director Gary Breshears resigned to enter private business. Cox issued an executive order Aug. 15 commissioning York as interim executive director.

Former Community Services Director Vicki Carpenter resigned in May 1990, followed by former Finance Director David Bryant a year later.

## CREEK CAMPAIGN '91

## Glenpool man announces he'll seek seat on Council

GLENPOOL -- Glenpool resident Don Cahwee has announced his intention to become a Tulsa District Representative to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

Cahwee is the first Council candidate to make his intentions known to *The Muscogee Nation News*.

"I have made this decision after careful thought and with the hope that, if successful, I can help unify the various branches of tribal government," Cahwee said in his campaign announcement.

Cahwee, 36, is employed with the tribe's children and family services department.

"My supporters and myself believe it is time for a change in the Council," Cahwee said. "Too many Council members have forgotten their purpose on the Council."

"I feel it is time for an infusion of new blood."

According to his press material Cahwee said he will concentrate on developing jobs and providing educational opportunities for citizens.

Filing period for all tribal offices is Sept. 16-18. The primary election is scheduled Oct. 26 with the general election to be held Dec. 7.

# Housing board OKs contractors to repair project foundations

OKMULGEE -- The Creek Nation Housing Authority Board of Commissioners approved the selection of contractors to repair foundation work on Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program projects.

The board approved the selection of Ramjack of Ada and BM&R of Shawnee for foundation repair work on three CIAP projects.

Westchester of Shawnee was awarded a contract to make various renovations on 80 low-rent projects located in Eufaula, said Ron Scott, CNHA deputy director.

The board instructed Matt Tiger, CIAP coordinator, to readvertise for a contractor to perform lead base testing. Tiger first advertised in late June and received two bids. Scott said the board is readvertising in order to get more response and more competitive bids.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires 10 percent of homes built



Staff photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Creek youth collect information on substance abuse, pregnancy and suicide prevention at the Children and Family Services' "Youth Conference '91" in Okmulgee.



# Health board considering management reorganization

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKEMAH -- The Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board will consider restructuring the organization of management throughout its system, in an effort to begin fulfilling one of the requirements for accreditation.

The board was presented a plan by acting Hospital Administrator Woodrow Kinney of the Oklahoma City Area Office of Indian Health Service.

Creek Nation Community Hospital Administrator Sally Foster has been placed on medical leave. She is reportedly recuperating at her Oilton home.

The new plan would place a health systems administrator above managers for field clinics,

nursing, clinical services and administrative support services. The top administrator would report to the board.

Kinney also suggested that a financial officer be hired and that all accounting and billing services for the hospital and four clinics be coordinated. The board will consider the plan.

No date was set for a response.

In other business, the board:

- recommended increased public relations efforts for the Okmulgee Dental Clinic to reduce the number of broken appointments. Since May 1, 507 appointments have been broken or cancelled;

- will seek plans to enlarge an area of the hospital to accommodate a new x-ray machine. The machine was purchased by IHS;

- urged the nursing staff to accept a proposed shift differential for nurses working the evening and night shifts. Board chair Shelly Crow said nurses could be paid more but they would have to forego benefits. Crow said that the fringe benefit rate for employees was 34 percent; 10 percent better than the best benefit rate for nurses in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. The hospital has been unable to staff the emergency room full-time with a registered nurse;

- reported a preliminary gathering of data for a feasibility study for a new clinic. Crow said the southern part of the Creek Nation, along Oklahoma highway 9, needed a clinic. She added that Hughes-Seminole (Tuckabatche) Rep. Thomas Yahola offered to donate an acre but more land would be needed to construct a clinic.

## In Brief

### Communications department to host chief forum Sept. 21

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation communications department is hosting a forum for the principal chief candidates Sept. 21 at the tribal capitol complex mound auditorium in Okmulgee.

This is the first forum held after the filing period for tribal offices closes. The forum will be moderated by Jim Wolfe, editor of *The Muscogee Nation News*.

The Creek Nation Head Start will have concessions available for a nominal fee beginning at noon. The forum will start at 1 p.m. and conclude at 4. Refreshments will be served after the forum to allow citizens to meet the candidates.

*The Muscogee Nation News* will publish a special election edition with the October issue.

The Muscogee Nation News radio program will begin its candidate series Sep. 12. Each week a principal chief candidate will be a guest. The series will run six weeks. A list of radio stations carrying the 15-minute public affairs program appears on Page 2 of this issue.

### Council House schedules forum in House of Warriors room Oct. 5

OKMULGEE -- The Oct. 5 Creek Council House tribal forum will mark the first tribal business conducted in the National Historic Landmark in years.

The forum, to be held in the House of Warriors from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., will be hosted by the Creek Indian Memorial Association Board of Trustees and the Council House Board.

Council House Curator Tommy Steinsiek said it was her desire that the Creek people utilize the house of warriors. She had previously offered the use of the room to the Creek National Council.

Taking her idea further is Creek citizen Bonnie Deere who is organizing and coordinating the forum. Deere has been hand-delivering invitations to tribal town mekkos.

### Children and Family Services seeks foster parents for children

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Children and Family Services Department is seeking Indian foster parents for placement of Indian children.

Under the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act, the



Staff photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Eufaula Boarding School hosted its open house on Aug. 13, giving tours of the basic operation of the dormitory and explaining various improvements made the past year. Edna Belcher, school cook; Twila Beaver, educational aid; Tommy Pickering, McIntosh District representative; and Greg Anderson, school administrator, discuss improvement in front of the school's air conditioning unit. More than 80, including Eufaula Public School employees, city council members and Muscogee (Creek) National Council members, attended the open house.

department works to place Creek children in Indian households. Preferences for foster placement are with the child's extended family member, other members of the child's tribe or other Indian families.

C&FS has an office dealing exclusively with the placement of children in foster homes.

The department is encouraging people who are interested to become foster parents but specific guidelines must be met.

One or both prospective foster parents must be enrolled with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Next, all prospective foster parents must contact the department's placement specialist Lucy Simpson

at (918) 756-2112, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. After the contact is made, the department must conduct a home study.

A home study is an intense observation, not only of the size and condition of the house, but also how parents interact with children and other people and their ability to nurture a child and parenting skills within the home, Simpson said.

The home study also includes a criminal background investigation of the prospective foster parents home and family. This takes several hours to conduct and is done by the placement specialist, she said.

All information received from the application and during observations is confidential, Simpson said.

Call the Children and Family Services Department at (918) 756-2112.

### Tribal department to co-sponsor family entertainment Sept. 18

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Children and Family Services department is sponsoring an evening of family entertainment Sept. 18 at Brock Memorial Gymnasium.

The department, in conjunction with Okmulgee County, will present ventriloquist Dennis Lee and his friends and Bart the Magician.

Lee was winner of the 12th annual International Ventriloquist Convention in Kentucky. His program carries anti-drug themes.

Bart the Magician is a master illusionist who also delivers an anti-drug message.

Tickets for the three-hour show are \$3 for adults, \$2 for children or \$10 admits the entire immediate family. Tickets are available through the Children and Family Services department at 313 W. Eighth Street in Okmulgee. Call (918) 756-2112.

### Art market to feature specialty dances by four tribal towns

OKMULGEE -- Ceremonial and powwow dances will highlight the fourth annual Oklahoma Indian Art Market and Inter-Tribal Powwow Sept. 20-21 at the Creek Council House. The event is sponsored by the Creek Indian Memorial Association and the Creek Council House Board. Four Muscogee tribal towns will be sharing their Mvskoke ceremonial ground specialty dances on both nights. This will be in addition to the powwow. Candidates running for tribal offices will be allowed booth space on the Council House lawn. The fee is \$50 and space is available on a first-come, first-served basis.



## Chartered Community News

## Okmulgee center helping students with donations

Compiled by **STEPHANIE BERRYHILL**  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

Okmulgee Indian Community's recent efforts have gone toward making contributions and honoring Creek children attending the Okmulgee Public School system. The community:

- will serve a cookout for Okmulgee High School's Creek seniors at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 9;
- has contributed \$500 to the Okmulgee Junior Football Association. The monies will go toward the expenses of Creek students who would like to participate in the association; and
- also contributed to the Okmulgee Ministerial Alliance's Manna Day. The community's \$300 contribution went toward free haircuts, clothing and school supplies for area children.

### Checotah

Checotah Indian Community has scheduled a forum for candidates who will run for office in the upcoming Muscogee (Creek) Tribal elections 7 p.m., Sept. 24. All candidates running for principal chief, second chief and McIntosh District National Council representative offices have been invited. Refreshments will be provided. The community center address is 830 N. Broadway.

-- Creek Nation drug and alcohol substance abuse counselors presented a substance abuse program available to tribal citizens at the community's last regular meeting. Ron Scott, Creek Nation Housing Authority deputy director, also presented information on how to obtain a mutual help home.

-- The community hosted a back-to-school party for around 25 Checotah and Midway high school students. Winning door prizes were Shawnee Harper, AM/FM cassette stereo player; Fred Burkhalter, Kodak 35mm camera; Brook Matthews, University of Oklahoma T-shirt; and Kelli Parker, a water innertube.

-- The community also held a bingo party and dinner with around 100 community members attending.

### Glenpool

Roy Taylor, Pawnee, has been hired as the Glenpool Creek Indian Community's program developer. Writing grant proposals will be among Taylor's major responsibilities.

-- The community conducts Wing Chun Kung Fu classes from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Saturdays. Classes cost \$25 a month and are taught by Bart Kelly. Individuals 14 and over may take the classes.

### Koweta

Koweta Indian Community will host a candidates forum at 7 p.m., Sept. 26. Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m. All candidates running for principal chief, second chief and Wagoner District representation have been invited. The community center is 1/4 mile east of Ben Lumpkin Road on North Street.

## COMMUNITY PROFILE



Staff photo by Jim Wolfe

Volleyball tournaments are among the more popular activities sponsored by the Hanna Indian Community.

## Activities keep Hanna hopping

By **STEPHANIE BERRYHILL**  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

**H**ANNA -- Mention the Hanna Indian Community and the first thing to come to mind is sports tournaments.

The 8-year-old community is known for the various tournaments it holds regularly. Throughout the year, the community's 20 active adult members help plan volleyball and softball tournaments.

It's all a part of deeply-instilled work ethics and dedication the community has shown since receiving its charter in December 1983.

With 89 registered members it ranks high among the most active chartered communities in Creek Nation. Before its community center opened last spring members met in homes and Hanna City Hall.

Treasurer Kizzie Harjo said the community's love of sports is a way of life.

"The youth and people around here were brought up on basketball and volleyball," she said.

She also attributes the successful planning and attendance of the community's tournaments to Rueben Starr, community sergeant at arms.

Starr's active participation on the intramural team circuit has enabled him to network teams into the community's tournaments.

The community is active out of necessity, Harjo said. "We have to keep having these activities to keep our community going. All we have is the smokeshop," she said in regard to community revenue.

The community's smokeshop opened in April 1990. In fiscal year 1990 (March through September) it paid \$1,932 in cigarette taxes into the

### Officers

Deborah Noyes, chair; Janetta Harjo, vice-chair; Francis Lewis, secretary; Kizzie Harjo, treasurer; Rueben Starr, sergeant of arms; Wanda Harjo, reporter.

tribe, according to the Office of Gaming.

Last winter, the community kept busy, cutting ricks of wood, which they sold and delivered.

"We have to rely on ourselves as a community to pay our bills," Harjo said.

Not only do the tournaments bring revenue into the community, drawing Indian teams from all over Creek Nation offers Mvskokes as well as the tribe's communities the opportunity to become acquainted and fellowship, Harjo said.

The community's activities also help occupy its 35 active youth members and keeps them out of trouble, Harjo said.

Of the community's \$35,000 community development block grant, \$2,000 was set aside for the youth. A pool table, video cassette recorder, television and cultural video tapes were purchased with the majority of this money.

With almost every month and holiday of the year the community schedule is filled with activities.

From fall to spring, food bingo games are played on the first Saturday of each month. Games are discontinued in the summer because of the ceremonial ground dance season.

Easter egg hunts are held for its youth. In May, the community hosted a spring arts and crafts show. In June the community had a volleyball tournament to raise funds to send its Youth

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#### Oklahoma City

The Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association will host a candidates forum at 2 p.m., Oct. 12. All principal chief and second chief candidates have been invited. The forum will be at the Red Rock Mental Health Center community room, 4400 N. Lincoln Blvd. A food sale also will be served at the forum. The sale will begin at 11 a.m. and continue throughout the forum.

-- The OMCA will conduct elections to fill the community chair and four board member offices. To be eligible individuals must have attended regular meetings four times during the association's fiscal year, live within association boundaries and be over 18 years of age.

#### Wetumka

Easy Go of rural Okemah won the Wetumka Indian Community's coed volleyball tournament in late August. Okfuskee finished second and The Sandblasters of Okemah were third.

#### Beggs

The Beggs Indian Community officially elected officers at its August meeting. Elected were Mary (Verna) Barnes, chair; Chester Adams, vice-chair; Lamisha Jones, secretary; Evelyn Parker, treasurer and Rick Powell, parliamentarian/reporter. The community meets at the Beggs Housing Authority.

#### Dewar

Dewar Indian Community has changed its regular meeting time from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The community meets on the third Tuesday of each month.

#### Duck Creek

Duck Creek Indian Community will feature a concession stand at the fourth annual Oklahoma Indian Art Market and Inter-Tribal Powwow Sept. 20-21 at the Creek Council House Museum. Booth hours will be from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

-- The community is considering the purchase of 12.5 acres at 241st street and U.S. highway 75.

-- Around 30 people attended a principal chief and second chief candidates forum at the community's last regular meeting on Aug. 20.

#### Eufaula

Around 140 Eufaula and Hanna Indian community members attended the Eufaula Indian Community's recent picnic. The two communities ate a dinner of potluck items and catered barbecue. Watermelons were given to each attending family. The communities also played coed softball at the Eufaula softball fields.

-- Fifty Eufaula school children attended the community's back-to-school party at the Eufaula Water Slide.

#### Tulsa

Tulsa Creek Indian Community has scheduled a forum from 1 to 5 p.m., Oct. 13, at Aaronson Auditorium, Tulsa Downtown Central Library, 400 Civic Center. Candidates running for the offices of principal chief, second chief and National Council have been invited. Candidates are asked to submit a brief resume to the community by Sept. 21. Mail resumes to TCIC, 6363 E. 31st, Suite 105, Tulsa, OK 74135.

#### Muskogee

Muskogee Indian Community will host a tribal candidates forum at 7 p.m., Oct. 11. Candidates running for the offices of principal chief, second chief and Muskogee District representatives have been invited. The community center is at 111 S. Virginia.

#### Okemah

Okemah Indian Community will host its monthly food bingo games at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 14. Packs are \$5. Food bingo is played on the second Saturday of every month. Dominoe games will begin at 10 a.m.

#### Holdenville

Around 140 attended the Holdenville Indian Community's back-to-school party.

-- All Tribes of Ada won the community's recent coed volleyball tournament. Easy Go of rural Okemah was second and Native American of Okmulgee third.

-- The community spent the latter part of August preparing to open its bingo hall. The hall should open by the first week in October, said Fred Lowe, community chair.

#### Hanna

Hanna Indian Community members were busy tallying up the winners of their various tournaments held in conjunction with Hanna's annual watermelon festival. First, second and third place winners in the mens softball tournament were Leo Hicks of Henryetta; Haskell Williams of Tulsa and Roman Butler of Tulsa. Winning the coed softball tournament was Sooner Ed of Sasakwa. Second place was Charles Deere of Eufaula and third was Liza Hicks of Henryetta. First, second and third place winners in the volleyball tournament were Marcus Hampton of Eufaula, Jerry Cox of Eufaula and Mike Deere of Eufaula.

#### Sapulpa

Sapulpa Indian Community will have a candidates forum from 7 to 9 p.m., Oct. 14. Principal chief, second chief and Okfuskee District candidates have been invited. Refreshments will be served.

#### Okfuskee

Okfuskee Indian Community is celebrating several community birthdays this month. Lorene, Simmer, Joe, Sagey, Annie and Jorena Hicks and Lorena Walters have birthdays in September. The community wishes 5-year-old Rebecca Walters a belated happy birthday.

-- Around 36 attended a candidates forum, said Sharon Hicks, community reporter.

#### Yardeka

Around 35 people attended the Yardeka Indian Community's recent candidates forum.

-- Meeting times were listed incorrectly in the August edition of *The Muscogee Nation News*. The community meets at 7:30 p.m. on the last Sunday of the month.

#### Kellyville

Kellyville Indian Community will fill the offices of chair and vice-chair at its next regular meeting. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m., Sept. 9.

-- The community reopened its smokeshop July 17.

### Headliners

#### Sherry Butler

GRAND FORKS, N.D. -- Sherry Butler, Creek, completed a pre-medicine academic enrichment session at the University of North Dakota-Grand Forks. Butler, the daughter of Charles and Flora Davis and the granddaughter of Alice Butler, participated in an annual Minority Medical Education Program sponsored by Indians Into Medicine (INMED). Each summer INMED provides intensive math and science training for Indian students with the academic potential for health careers. The courses, at the pre-college, college and medical levels, enable students to develop their study skills and to learn about health care delivery on reservations. Ninety Indian students from across the country attended this year's sessions.



#### Katrina Berryhill

OKMULGEE -- Katrina Berryhill, Creek-Chickasaw, was named to the Oklahoma All-Star Marching Band. Katrina, a senior at Okmulgee High School, played the flute and appeared in the Aug. 2 Oklahoma Coaches Association all-state football game at Skelly Stadium in Tulsa. She has been in the Okmulgee band for seven years. Katrina is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Berryhill.



### Tribe offering free manuals for community development

OKMULGEE -- Proposal writing and community and board development manuals are available free to Muscogee (Creek) Indian community organizations.

The manuals were developed by The Support Center of Oklahoma, according to Steve Landsberry, community development specialist for Creek Nation.

"The manuals contain information which may be beneficial to communities just starting out as well as those who have been organized for some time," Landsberry said.

The 23-page proposal writing manual contains tips on preparing grant proposals. It is geared to foundation funding but also can be used for proposals to individuals and governmental entities.

The 28-page community and board development manual details the roles and responsibilities of a board. Topics include board development, image of a board, board/staff relationships and responsibilities and forms to evaluate effectiveness of boards and meetings.

Copies are available by calling (918) 756-8700 or by sending a written request to Creek Nation, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK, 74447; attention: Steve Landsberry/Manuals. Include return name and mailing address.



# Legislative Overview

How They Voted	NCA 91-60	NCA 91-61	NCA 91-65	NCA 91-67	NCA 91-68
	Reconsider veto of a bill providing legal fees for D. Wilde. Override failed: 19 yes, 7 no.	A bill creating the legal rights fund act. Passed 17 yes, 8 no.	Approving funds for repairs to the EIC smokeshop. Passed: 18 yes, 6 no 1 abstain.	Approving funds for the MSW Assoc. water lines. Passed: 24 yes, 0 no.	Approving funds for the MSW Assoc. water lines. Passed: 24 yes, 0 no.
George Almerigi, Okmulgee	No	No	Yes	Yes	
Richard Berryhill, Wagoner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Larry Bible, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Eugene Birdcreek, Okfuskee	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Johnson Buck, Hughes	No	No	No	Did not vote	
Robert Buck, Hughes	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Mose Cahwee, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ken Childers, Tulsa	Yes	Did not vote	Did not vote	Did not vote	
Helen Chupco, Muskogee	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Clarence Cloud, Creek	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Helen Duncan, Wagoner	No	No	No	Yes	
Bill Fife, Okfuskee	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Ed Frye, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Tony Hale, Okmulgee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Mae Jackson, Okfuskee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Frank Kamp, McIntosh	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Charlie Litsey, Okmulgee	No	No	Yes	Yes	
Harley Little, Muskogee	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	
Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tommy Newton, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tom Pickering, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Donna Rhodes, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Earl Wheeler, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Jerry Wilson, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Thomas Yahola, Hughes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	



<b>91-70</b> giving a lease with Sand Co. d: 23 yes, 2	<b>NCA 91-69</b> Authorizing con- tracting for 1992 the LIHEAP. Passed: 25 yes, 0 no.	<b>NCA 91-73</b> Including the wa- ter & sewer grants in the 1992 budget. Passed: 22 yes, 0 no.	<b>NCA 91-74</b> Approving hono- rariums to partici- pating grounds at Council Oak. Passed: 22 yes, 0 no.	<b>NCA 91- 75&amp;76</b> Approving M.Peak and S. Wilits to the E l e c t i o n Board.Passed: 22 yes, 0 no.	<b>NCA 91-77</b> Approving funding for the school clothing grants. Passed: 22 yes, 0 no.
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The Title IV-A Act is an amendment of Public Law 874 (Impact Aid). The Act is intended to provide financial assistance to local educational agencies for the development and implementation of supplementary educational culturally-related academic programs. These programs are designed to meet the special education needs of Indian students. To be eligible a student needs to be of Indian descent, any degree, and have a "50" form on file in the public school where that student is enrolled.

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## Notices

### Help wanted

## Part-time assistant

**POSITION:** One-half time 4-H/Agriculture Program Assistant.

**STARTING DATE:** Sept. 16, or as soon thereafter as acceptable candidate can be employed. Job will last approximately six months. If additional funding is received, the contract may be extended.

**LOCATION:** Creek, Okfuskee, Okmulgee and Wagoner County Extension Centers. Work situation will include travel to selected communities throughout the Creek Nation area.

**WORK SCHEDULE:** Schedule will be determined by supervisors. Normal work schedule will be flexible, average of 20 hours per week or 40 hours every two weeks.

**COMPENSATION:** \$6 per hour, no overtime.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Sept. 11, 1991.

**JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Coordinate and implement an agriculture educational program with project coordinator and steering committee involvement; coordinate program and schedule activities with the specific school district and local county extension program; and plan, execute and evaluate the agricultural educational program under the direction of the project coordinator and District 4-H Program Specialist.

**JOB QUALIFICATIONS:** Demonstrated ability to work with project coordinator, school officials, extension staff and advisory groups; and knowledge of agriculture. Preference will be given to applicants of Indian heritage and an understanding of Indian culture and whose course work is related to agriculture and youth development.

**HOW TO APPLY:** To receive full consideration, applications must submit 1) a letter of interest, 2) completed job application, 3) current resume or statement outlining qualifications and skills listed above.

All application materials must be received in the Okmulgee County Extension Office by Sept. 11. Send materials to OSU Extension Center, 1901 N. Oklahoma, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

**MORE INFORMATION:** Contact Doug Maxey, Okmulgee County Agriculture Agent, (918) 756-1958.

## Regulatory Compliance Auditor

**SALARY RANGE:** Nego-

table.

**LOCATION:** Office of Public Gaming (Muskogee/Okmulgee).

**JOB DUTIES:** Evaluation of compliance per NCA 84-04, as amended, P.L. 100-497, and established rules and regulations. Conduct protective and constructive audits to ensure compliance; analyze data obtained for duplication of effort, fraud or lack of compliance with established policies and procedures. Desire to work with people and interact professionally with the public. Ability to draft correspondence and reports. Must be able to travel, work irregular/extended hours, including nights, weekends and holidays and have dependable transportation.

**JOB QUALIFICATIONS:** Completed college degree from an accredited university in a business concentration and year experience; in the concentration; or Associate Degree - 60 hours college credit, which may be offset by work experience, preferably business related or high school, with a minimum of five years in business management or administration.

Candidate should be able to meet background and criminal investigation requirements set forth, per Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, whereby a person's prior activities, criminal record, reputation, habits and associations pose a threat to the public interest or the effective regulation of gaming shall not be eligible for employment (per P.O. 100-497, 25 USC 2710).

**INDIAN PREFERENCE CLOSING DATE:** Until filled.

SEND applications to: Muskogee (Creek) Nation Personnel Services, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Telephone: (918) 756-8700, Ext. 389-390.

## Young artists wanted

Young Muskogee (Creek) artists are asked to submit illustrations for the tribe's upcoming Code of Laws book to be published later this year. The drawings should be a law enforcement theme. Artists should be under 18 and enrolled Creek citizens. Art work must be in black ink or pencil and posted on 8.5 by 11 or smaller display. The work must be dated and signed by the artist. Entries must be submitted by Sept. 16 to the Creek Nation Judicial Branch, P.O. Box 652, Okmulgee, OK 74447.



## Senior Spotlight



**Leslie Marie Lafferty**  
(Creek)

**School:** Buchholz High School, Gainesville, Fla.

**Parents:** Dennis and Allene George Lafferty.

**Grandparents:** Nora Davis George of Holdenville and the late Roy George, Frances Lafferty of Wichita, Kan., and the late Melvin Lafferty.

**Activities:** Gifted and Talented, Band Queen, Yearbook Queen, Head Cheerleader, nominated for homecoming queen, Marching Band, Pep Band, Concert Band, Flag Corp, Spanish Club secretary, Latin Club president, Math Honor Club (Mu Alpha Theta), National Honor Society, Oklahoma Baptist University Honor Band, sophomore class vice-president, Pep Club, H.O.P.E. member, OBU Piano Competition-Award of Excellence, National

Latin Honor Society, Senior Girls Club, Intramural Brain Brawl champions, University of Florida Physics competition, National Society of Professional Surveyors Certificate of Participation in the Tri-State competition, Senior Honor Recital-piano, Environmental and Ecological Club (Ethos), Oklahoma Honor Society.

**Honors/awards:** Four-year scholarship to University of Florida, four-year scholarship to University of Oklahoma, scholarship to Santa Fe College, Navy Honors Program Certificate Achievement for Academic Excellence, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, medal for Maxima Cum Laude on the National Latin Exam, Who's Who Among American High School students, outstanding cheerleading medal, cheerleading pin, Dynamic Cheerleaders Association, Outstanding Spirit Award, Who's Who in Music, Who's Who in Mathematics, Scholastic All-American, United States National Leadership Merit Awards, Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Vocabulary Student in English, East Central Oklahoma Science Fair, highest grade in biology

medal, highest grade in spelling medal, best Latin student pin, National Honor Roll, All-American Scholar, Multiple Four-year Award, Honor Award for Outstanding Achievement in Latin, Academic Achievement Award for Buchholz Honor Roll, Certificates of recognition for Central Oklahoma Interscholastic meet participant in biology, algebra (first place) and music theory, certificate of appreciation for Super Cheerleading, Universal Cheerleaders Association-superior rating, Dale Science Fair-geometry, Latin V excellence award, physical education excellence award, sociology excellence award, District Latin Forum (Greek literature, mottoes and abbreviations, certamen in Brain Brawl, Latin literature), Fourth Place Mottoes and Abbreviations, Florida Latin Forum, National Junior Classical League- Co-ed Relay, Buchholz Certificate of Merit Latin I, English IV excellence award, anatomy and physiology excellence award, Latin II excellence award, Latin V excellence award, recognition for Initiative and Distinction in Education for Outstanding Excellence in Social Studies, band ensemble pin.

**Plans to attend:** University of Oklahoma,



**Brantley Melko Doering**  
(Creek)

**School:** Hopi (Ariz.) High School.

**Parents:** Allen and Linda Doering.

**Grandparents:** Buck and Ruth Canard.

**Activities:** Senior class vice-president, Economic Club president, Drama Club treasurer, junior class president, Student Council representative, Modern Technology Club, Problem Solvers Club, baseball (four years, MVP senior year).

**Participant:** Gifted and Talented Program, Global Realities Leadership Training Program, Close-Up Program and first annual Hopi Youth Congress.

**Honors:** Co-salutatorian, honor roll (four years), Presidential Academic Fitness Award and Who's Who of American High School students.

**Plans to attend:** Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Ariz. (major in engineering).

## Ten Creeks complete training, secure jobs through JTPA office

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation's JTPA office lists 10 graduates who have completed training and are now employed in their respective fields.

The Job training Partnership Act program offers employment training to eligible Native Americans. Graduates include:

-- Kendis Rodgers from Wetumka and Brenda Dennis from Okemah, completed LPN classes at Wes Watkins Vo-Tech, now employed at Pioneer Nursing Home of Wetumka;

-- Beverly Berryhill from Wetumka, completed LPN classes at Wes Watkins Vo-Tech, now employed at Adkins Nursing Home of Wetumka;

-- Debbie Little from Lamar, completed LPN classes at Wes Watkins Vo-Tech, now employed at Rebold Manor of Okmulgee;

-- Jackie Ryine from Henryetta, earned associates degree in diesel and heavy equipment from Oklahoma State University/Okmulgee, now employed at GCI of Corpus Christie, Texas;

-- Janice Davis from Sand Springs, completed training at Sand Springs Beauty College, now employed at Donna's Cut and Curl in Mannford;

-- Jerri Neafus from Jenks, completed the basic operator course at Broken Arrow Academy, now employed at Sears in Woodland Hills Mall of Tulsa;

-- Carolyn Scheirmann from Henryetta, completed the basic operator course at Okmulgee Beauty College, now employed at Super Cuts, 21st and Garnett, in Tulsa;

-- Neal Brunson from Haskell, completed basic operator course at Virgil's of Muskogee, now employed at Reggis, Arrowhead Mall in Muskogee; and,

-- Brian Russell from Henryetta, earned associates degree in air conditioning and refrigeration from OSU/Okmulgee, now employed with Venture Mechanical of Dallas.

## Sports In Brief

### Native American wheelchair team being organized by Living Center

ENID -- A wheelchair sports team comprised of Native Americans is being organized by A. Dean Jefferson (Creek/Choctaw), coordinator of the Northwest Oklahoma Independent Living Center. The team -- which can compete in softball, field and track events, weight lifting and other wheelchair sports -- also will need sponsors and coaches. Contact Jefferson at (405) 237-8508 or (405) 237-6743 or write 705 S. Oakwood Rd., Suite B-1, Enid, OK 73703.

### Dallas Indian Bowling League looking for tournament entries

GARLAND, Texas -- The Dallas Indian Bowling League will hosting its 22nd annual tournament Sept. 28-29 at New Showplace Lanes. All bowlers are invited. A youth division (8 to 18 years) also will be offered. To enter, contact Harry Martinez, 4030 Virginia Blvd., Dallas, TX 75211 or call (214) 337-6035.

### Health care center to host benefit golf tournament in Broken Arrow

TULSA -- A golf tournament benefitting the Indian Health Care Resource Center will be played Sept. 5 at Forest Ridge Country Club in Broken Arrow. Entry fee is \$100 per person and includes green fees, cart rental, lunch and drinks. Tee time is 1 p.m. Prizes will be given to closest to the pin and longest drive. A \$10,000 hole-in-one contest also is scheduled. For more information contact Dannette Russell at (918) 582-7225. Entry fees can be sent to Indian Health Care Resource Center, Att: Dannette Russell, 915 S. Cincinnati, Tulsa, OK 74119.

### Haskell alumni association plans golf scramble Oct. 5 in Shawnee

SHAWNEE -- The Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma golf scramble will be played Oct. 5 and 6 at Fire Lake Golf Course. The scramble is played in conjunction with the Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma annual reunion at the Holiday Hotel in Shawnee. Entry fee is \$20 and entrants must pay their own green fee and cart rental. Play begins at 9 a.m. both days. Registration

and team draw will be at 8:30 a.m. Eligible players are Haskell Indian Junior College alumni and friends. Prize money is based on 80 players (\$480 for first, \$400 for second, \$320 for third and \$240 for fourth). Ten percent of the entry fee goes toward the HIJC scholarship fund. A free meal is available to all golfers participating on Sunday. Non-golfers will be charged \$3. For more information, call Calvin Dailey at (405) 382-6629, Simon Mitchell at (405) 732-7260 or Fire Lake Golf Course at (405) 275-4471.

### Indian National Finals Rodeo to feature \$80,000 purse

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. -- Indian cowboys will vie for more than \$80,000 in prize money at the 16th annual Indian National Finals Rodeo on Nov. 21-24 at Tingley Coliseum.

The rodeo features the top Indian cowboys and cowgirls representing 10 regions in the U.S. and Canada.

Other scheduled activities include a powwow and trade fair. Rodeo performances will be 7:30 p.m. Nov. 21-23 and 2 p.m. Nov. 24.

Information: Call Jo Arrington (918) 224-6511 or 224-1806; Bill Sunrise (505) 883-9094.



## Obituaries

## Lodie Tiger Barnett

DEPEW -- Lodie Tiger Barnett, 61, died July 1 at Bristow Memorial Hospital. Services were July 3 at Mutteloke Methodist Church with the Rev. George Miller officiating and the Rev. Jerry Baker assisting. Burial was at the Barnett Family Cemetery. Mrs. Barnett was born in Depew on July 23, 1929 and graduated from Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kan. She married Jacob Barnett in Bristow in 1954. She retired in 1988 from Union Schools in Tulsa where she had worked eight years in the maintenance department. She was a member of the Mutteloke Methodist Church. Survivors: her husband Jacob of the home; four daughters, Mary Bailey and Ramona Davis of Depew, Patty McClellen of Shawnee and Juanita Wasson of Glenpool; five sons, Calarney Rowe and Jacob Barnett Jr. of Depew, Jack Rowe and Raymond Barnett of Sapulpa and Frank Lowe of Oklahoma City; a brother, Steve Tiger of Depew; 24 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mrs. Barnett was preceded in death by a daughter, Hattie Sue Barnett, and a son, Steve William Barnett.



## Benjamin Brown

BIXBY -- Benjamin Madison Brown, 63, of Bixby died July 19 in Bristow. Services were July 22 at Smith Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Thomas Long officiating. Burial was in the South Heights Cemetery with military honors performed by Sapulpa veterans organizations. Mr. Brown was born Nov. 4, 1927 in Bixby and lived in the area most of his life. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a laborer. He was a Baptist. Survivors: his sisters Celia Yowell at Bristow and Gertrude John of Sapulpa. Casketbearers: Daniel Wolfe, Ronald Hill, Tommy Tiger, Russell Hill, Howard Holloway Jr., Donnie Herring and Craig Cassady. Honorary casketbearers: Kenneth Tiger, Darrell Tiger, Timothy Brown, Bill Gibson, Mike Hammer, Luther Tiger, Abe Tiger, Luther Tiger Jr., Kevin Tiger, Michael Hammar, Jeff Hammar, Howard Holloway Sr., Robert E. Tiger, Cecil Tiger, Leo Wolfe, W.C. Tiger, Jim R. Gibson, Paul Tiger Jr. and Arnold Gibson.

## Richard David Factor

OKMULGEE -- Richard David Factor, 41, of Okmulgee died Sept. 7 at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. Services were Aug. 10 at Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Washington and Mitchell Taylor officiating. Burial was in the Butler Creek cemetery. Mr. Factor married Emma Jean Starr on Oct. 18, 1990 at Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church. He was a tree trimmer. He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Factor; grandmothers Cinda Hill and Lucy "Coffey" McNac and grandfather, Joseph McNac Sr. Survivors: his wife, Emma Jean of Morris; mother, Lee Ella (McNac) Frye of Okmulgee; three sons, William Phillips of Morris, Shannon W. Starr of Morris and John Billie Jr. of Morris; three daughters, Cheryl Linnette Factor of Oklahoma City, Latrisha Ranae Factor of Okmulgee, Jessinna Marie

## Mvto

## From Jacob Barnett and family:

We'd like to thank the members of the Mutteloke Church and Creek Nation for their support and sympathy during the time of need. We'd also like to say special thanks to the Rev. George Miller and Jerry Baker for their encouragement.

## From the Benjamin M. Brown family:

We would like to thank all families and friends for their support and acts of kindness during the recent loss of our beloved brother and uncle. Your expression of caring through sympathy cards, flowers, food, monetary donations, personal calls and prayers always will be remembered. We especially would like to thank the Rev. Thomas Long, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bowman, Jim Brown, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Bristow Indian Community, Bristow Fire Department, Sapulpa veterans organizations and Smith's Funeral Home.

## From the Richard Factor family:

The family of Richard Factor expresses their appreciation to Yardeka Indian Baptist, First Indian Baptist of Okmulgee, Creek Nation, friends and family. Thank you for your support at the loss of our loved one. Mvto.

of Okmulgee; six brothers, Luther Bunny Factor, Joseph Leon Factor, Johnny Ray Factor and Mose Factor of Okmulgee, Dean Factor and David Factor of Tulsa; five sisters, Linda Scott of Holdenville, Doris Roan Horse of Rockville, Md., Gloria Lowe of Tulsa, Sara Fields of Shawnee and Bonnie Factor of Okmulgee; three uncles, Joseph McNac Jr. of Jenks, Billy Sampson of Okmulgee, Billy Jo McNac of Stilwell; one aunt, Joan Harry of Hector; two nieces, Kim Harry and Stephanie Harry. Pallbearers: Gerald Rabbitt, Jerry Roberts, Ivan Bear, Rusty Powell, Ricky Powell, Virgil Harry, Leonard Berryhill and Michael McNac. Honorary pallbearers: Linnie McNac, Lindall Berryhill, Richard Beaver and Larry Bear.

## Marshall Grayson

OKMULGEE -- Marshall Grayson, 84, of Okmulgee died June 11. Services were held in McClendon Chapel with the Rev. Tim Crump officiating. Grayson was born March 28, 1907 in the Wilson community. He retired from Eagle Pitcher Smelter in 1969 after working 30 years. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Henryetta. He was a Mason of Tullodge Lodge No. 201 in Henryetta and received his 50-year pin in April. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Pansy Griffin Grayson, in 1980; one son, Micco Wayne Grayson, in 1936; three sisters and one brother. Survivors: his wife Suda Grayson of Okmulgee; three daughters, Jona Loy Rade of Okmulgee, Alice Videlle Ingram of Broken Arrow, Gayla Denise Graham of Chandler; step-children Michael J. Taylor of Katy, Texas, Carol N. Cornell of Albuquerque, N.M.; a brother, Wilson Grayson of LeGrange, Texas; a sister, Mame Cameron of Oklahoma City; grandchildren Tami O'Brien, Tanya Rade, Todd Ingram, Dana Ingram and Brian Graham; eight step-grandchildren and four step great grandchildren.

## Florence E. McElroy

OKEMAH -- Florence E. (Dunson) McElroy,

66, died July 17 at her home south of Okemah. Wake services were July 19 at Webb's Funeral. Graveside services were July 20 at Highland Cemetery with the Rev. Ray McGilbray officiating. Mrs. McElroy was born Nov. 17, 1924, in Okemah, the daughter of the Rev. Thomas and Susie Walker Dunson. Mrs. McElroy married Paul R. McElroy on Nov. 9, 1952 and they live in Tempe, Ariz., for 30 years before moving back to Okemah in 1985. She attended school in Wewoka, Bearden and Haskell Institute. She was an active member of the Thlophlocco United Methodist Church south of Okemah and an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Okemah for many years. Survivors: her husband, Paul of the home; four children, Kathy Smith and Thomas Dunson McElroy of San Diego, Calif., Paul R. McElroy Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz., and Julie Virginia Speer of Middletown, R.I.; six grandchildren, Jessica, Maggie, Clairra and Natalie Smith, Anthony McLeroy and Casey Tyler Speer; brothers, the Rev. Earl Dunson of Glenpool and Jonas and Gene Dunson of Wetumka; sisters Agnes Canard and Virginia Webb of Okemah and Kathryn Scott of Concord, Calif. She was preceded in death by her brother Frank Dunson and sister Lucille Dunson.

## Genealogy Search

If you need help in genealogy research and tracing your ancestry, address your inquiry to the Communications Department, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Your inquiry may be printed in this space for others to help in your search. The Communications Department will print inquiries only and cannot aid in research efforts. Remember to include your return address.

## Editor:

I am requesting help in gathering information on Creek Indian history. I am writing a book about my grandmother's passage in the Trail of Tears.

I am a professional writer, contributing to a magazine in New York, and having an on-going health column in the same magazine, called *Independent Living*.

In addition to researching existing books, I also will be researching Indian history at the Special Collections section at McFarlin Library at the University of Tulsa and the Oklahoma State Historical Society in Oklahoma City.

To supplement this research, I would like to begin taking oral histories from Creek Indian people who may have information handed down through their families. I am willing to travel to any Oklahoma area to tape remembrances people may feel would help my project be more accurate.

I am writing this book because so much has been written about the Cherokees and the Trail of Tears. I would like to point out that many other tribes were involved in the removal. I also am hopeful this book will be an asset to the Creek Nation, and it will provide a more accurate and better understanding of our overall history.

I am one-half Creek, and my great-grandmother was Eliza Kanard Grayson, Creek, from Henryetta.

Help anyone can give me on my project will be most appreciated. Even family correspondence which contains information, or maps of any kind may be helpful.

Nancy Norman, 1308 W. El Paso St., Broken Arrow. Call (918) 455-4202 or (918) 258-1023 (after 5 p.m.)



Births



Neal Checote Ennis



Samuel Miko Ennis

**Neal Checote Ennis  
Samuel Miko Ennis**

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. -- Neal Checote Ennis and Samuel Miko Ennis were born May 5 to Deborah Anderson and Tim Ennis of Bakersfield. Neal weighed seven pounds and Samuel five pounds. Maternal grandparents are the late Samuel Anderson Jr. and Pearlle Cockrum Anderson. Thirty-five relatives welcomed the twins at a Bakersfield hospital.

**Deloris Nichole Nester**

ADA -- Deloris Nichole Nester was born May 25 to James and Ramona (Gray) Nester at Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada. Deloris weighed six pounds, 5.5 ounces and was 18.5 inches long. She was welcomed home by her sister, Randi. Maternal grandparents: Foster and Earline Gray of Eufaula. Paternal grandparents: Bert and Delores Bennett of Prague.

**Mary Caithn Scott**

HOUSTON -- Mary Caithn Scott was born Aug. 7 to Jerry R. and Victoria Lynn (Childers) Scott. Mary weighed 8.13 pounds. She was welcomed home by her brother Jordan Robert Scott, 2; her uncle, Victor F. Childers II; maternal grandparents Patsy Jo and Victor F. Childers and a host of Childers family members.



**Haskell forum planned Sept. 8**

LAWRENCE, Kan. -- A forum for candidates running for principal chief and second chief is scheduled Sept. 8 on the Haskell Indian Junior College campus. The forum will be from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Haskell Library. Candidates will be allowed to speak for up to five minutes. Following, will be a 30- to 45-minute question and answer period.

**Texas task force seeks input**

HOUSTON -- The Texas Rehabilitation Commission is actively seeking unemployed Creeks living in Texas who have a physical and mental disability.

Residents of Texas interested in information about the commission, can call 1-800-628-5115.

# Baptists pick new director

YARDEKA -- The Rev. Alan Colbert is the new director of missions for the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Indian Baptist Association.

Colbert, pastor of Grace Mission in Sapulpa, accepted the association's call to fill the vacant director's position during the M-S-W annual meeting Aug. 14-18 at the assembly ground.

M-S-W Moderator Willis Knight said Colbert, reared in Tuskgee Baptist Church, is a "product of the association." The association's highest position has been vacant since former missions director Leon Post oak resigned last spring to pastor an Oklahoma City church.

"We're very pleased with Brother Colbert," Knight said.

Colbert of Tulsa has earned bachelor's and master's degrees in religious education.

Knight said the other highlight of the meeting was the preaching and teaching of the Rev. Phillip Wade, moderator of the Choctaw Baptist Association.

"He did a marvelous job for us," Knight said.

Knight said the only problem during the four-day annual meeting was contamination of a water line supplying some of the camps.

Knight said a sewer line had been placed too close to the water line. Repair estimates were at least \$6,300; nearly a third of the association's 1992 budget.

The association voted to replace it as money became available. A bill to include the association in the Fiscal Year 1992 water and sewer grants was

approved by the tribal National Council at its Aug. 24 session.

"I speak for the Association when I say thanks to Ken Childers, Thomas Yahola and the Council for this support," Knight said.

Knight said he appreciated the work of Jim Kerr and the grounds committee for the maintenance work at the assembly ground.

"They've made quite a bit of improvement," Knight said.

In other business, the association:

-- set the 1992 annual meeting for Aug. 13-15;

-- added Grace Mission of Sapulpa to the associational membership; and

-- approved individual memberships to Ted and Melvina Baker.

The M-S-W Association will have Bible study at the assembly ground Sept. 12-14. The Rev. John Buckner, interim pastor at First Indian Baptist of Okmulgee, will lead the session.

Other newly-elected officers include:

The Rev. John Kelley, assistant moderator; Geneva Colbert, secretary; Rosemary Locust, assistant secretary; Ernest Marshall, treasurer; Naomi Bear, Women's Missionary Union leader; Ed George, brotherhood ministry; Loretta Denney, Sunday school director; James Locust, discipleship training director; Leona Colbert, librarian-historian; Millie Colbert, music leader; Henryetta Marshall, pianist; Melissa McCoy, special care ministry; Curtis Kinney, youth director; and the Rev. Jim Kerr, business manager.

Religion In Brief

**United Indian Faith Campmeeting starts Sept. 4; hundreds expected**

MOUNDS -- Hundreds of Native Americans from across the United States and Canada are expected to attend the United Indian Faith Campmeeting Sept. 4-8.

This is the third annual campmeeting, jointly sponsored by Yardeka Indian Baptist Church, Liberty Faith Center, Glenpool and Morning Star Ministries of Bixby.

The campmeeting site is 5 miles east of U.S. highway 75 on 221st Street (turn east at Beeline Grocery). The meeting also is open to non-Indians.

Preaching nightly will be evangelist Sonny White from Golden, Colo.

Morning (10 a.m.) and afternoon (2 p.m.) classes will be taught by Delford Whitecrow of El Reno, Eric Pitzer of Stillwater and Chuck Spott, originally from Pine Ridge, S.D.

Evening service begins at 7 p.m. Three meals will be served daily.

Sounds of Living Water from Pueblo, Colo., and Kingdom Messengers from Geary will be among the music groups scheduled to attend. Worship and praise will be led by music minister Negiel Bigpond. An all night gospel singing will be Saturday, with emcee Darrell "Spook" Wesley and the gospel group, Unity.

The Youth and Children Ministry of Tim and Lois Yeahquo of Yukon will be presented at 6 p.m. Saturday.

**Wewoka church plans revival**

WEWOKA -- Wewoka United Indian Methodist

Church will present a revival Sept. 16-20, beginning at 7:15 nightly. Featured evangelists will be the Rev. Joe Lowe Jr. and the Rev. Charles Little. Refreshments will be served. The church is one mile north of the Yeager community.

**Nurse to talk to Methodist women**

PRESTON -- Waukomis Lewis, a U.S. Public Health Service commission nurse, will speak about her work in Kuwait at the Northeast District Methodist Center on Sept. 14. The meeting is hosted by the United Methodist District women's association.

**Gospel singings**

**Salt Creek United Methodist**

WETUMKA -- Salt Creek United Methodist Church will host a gospel singing on Sept. 14 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Al Brown will be master of ceremonies. Church officials invite all singers. The church is 8 miles north and 2 miles east of Holdenville or 7 miles west and 2 miles south of Wetumka.

**Cedar Creek Eufaula Baptist**

EUFAULA -- Cedar Creek Eufaula Baptist Church will be host to an all-night gospel singing on Sept. 21 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Al Brown will be master of ceremonies. The church is 11 miles south of Seminole on Oklahoma highway 99, four miles west and 1/2 mile south and 1/4 mile west. From Konawa, the church is four miles north on Oklahoma highway 9A, one mile east, 1/2 mile north and 1/4 mile west.

**Kaney Chapel**

WEWOKA -- Kaney Chapel will host a gospel singing on Oct. 4. The church is between Wewoka and Bowlegs on Oklahoma highway 59. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Walter McGirt.



## Hospital

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ordinance 89-168.

Crow told the court she was "pleading" with it to waive the \$122,000 payment.

Creek District Rep. Ed Frye, chair of the Business and Governmental Services Committee, testified that money in the health board treasury is available to cover the \$122,000.

Audits submitted to the court support Frye's testimony.

Principal Chief Claude Cox testified that the health board has had nearly two years to settle the debt and he had made numerous requests for repayment. Cox filed the suit on June 24.

More than \$150,000 of the loan has been repaid from hospital and clinics funds by recent Council appropriations.

Crow has asked the court at the Aug. 19 hearing to convince administration to arrange installments. On Aug. 24, she also asked the Council at its pre-agenda session to consider an installment plan for repayment.

Administration lent the \$272,200 to the health board in lieu of suspended Indian Health Service funds in 1989. NCA 89-168 required the loan to be repaid when IHS funds became available.

The hospital operates primarily with IHS monies. In 1989, a contracting officer no longer with IHS, alleged the administration had co-mingled agency funds with the general tribal fund. No charges were brought against any tribal official.

At the Aug. 19 hearing, District Court Judge Patrick Moore ruled Cox's request of payment valid. The judge stayed the order however, giving both parties until Oct. 1 to arrange settlement.

At the hearing, Crow testified that repaying the loan in a lump sum would be detrimental to the hospital and possibly could force a closure.

"We'd have no payroll," Crow told the court. "I don't know anyone that would stay (if that happened)."

Twice in July, the Council appropriated funds from the health care accounts with the amount credited toward repayment of the loan.

At a July 18 special session, the Council approved \$20,000 for the purchase of air conditioners, fans and water coolers for 30 invalids or shut-ins.

At the July 27 session, the Council appropriated \$129,633 to fund the Holdenville bingo operation.

## Housing

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after 1978 to undergo lead base testing.

The board approved an amendment to an annual contributions contract. It will provide for preliminary planning costs for a project that will consist of 25 scattered homes.

Scott informed the board GL&M Construction Co. of Shawnee, which was to receive the bid on 20 new housing units, was requesting to withdraw its bid because it underestimated construction costs.

The CNHA began readvertising in late August.

Delinquency rates for the month of July are 26 percent for low rent housing, 51 percent for new mutual help homes and 48 percent for old mutual help homes.

Because of the high rates, the CNHA will pursue taking legal action against delinquent homeowners, Scott said.

The CNHA's next meeting will be Sept. 10

Crow complied with both ordinances and the money was taken from four sources.

According to court records, \$20,000 was taken from the hospital; \$59,631.18 from the Sapulpa Clinic; \$50,556.87 from Eufaula; and \$19,444.95 from Okmulgee to meet the obligation to fund both projects.

At the hearing, Crow said she was waiting for another ordinance to ask for more funds before repaying the loan.

Moore told her that not repaying the loan seemed like a "management problem."

The court received in April reports that the health system's finances were stable.

According to a financial report made by Carl O'Brien, a certified public accountant from Sapulpa, the health system had a balance of \$867,383 in an undisclosed amount of banks as of Sept. 30, 1990.

Additionally, an IHS priority system final report for fiscal year 1990 showed the tribal health care system received \$867,000 over 1990's original funding levels.

Rannel Harry, director of division planning for the Oklahoma City Area IHS office, told The News the final funding received by the Creek health system for FY90 was \$813,000. The amount is \$54,000 less than the IHS priority system final report because of agency funding formulas, Harry said.

Elvina Swayze, comptroller for the hospital, declined comment relating to the hospital budget or other financial information. She deferred comment to Crow.

Crow testified at the hearing that the system did have funds available under contract health services but that was money to be used "for the people".

Contract health funds are used to defer surgical expenses when a patient is referred to another hospital.

It was learned by The News that Creek Nation Community Hospital Administrator Sally Foster received contract health funds to pay the balance of her medical expenses related to her recent gall bladder surgery.

Eighty percent of the medical expense was covered by the health system's insurance, Foster told The News at a July 29 health board meeting in Eufaula.

Foster, a non-Creek, receives an annual salary of

more than \$40,000. She was placed on medical leave in early August.

Crow said that the decision was not made by her but by a contract health committee. She declined to identify the committee members to The News.

The News also has obtained copies of checks issued to Foster and Crow for working a health screening booth at the 1991 Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo in Okmulgee.

Foster was reimbursed for mileage and nine quarters per diem totaling \$202.62. Crow was reimbursed \$179.10 for the same expenses.

Crow said at the July health board meeting that the payment was justified and all employees who staffed the screening were eligible to claim mileage. She did not elaborate when asked who else was reimbursed.

Since the Aug. 19 hearing, the Council has appropriated \$12,426.30 from the health board to the Eufaula Indian Community to make repairs on its community-operated smokeshop.

The balance due the tribal treasury will be made through an orthodontics program. The bill will allow the board to make payments over an extended period. The bill does not indicate the length of the payment's terms.

Both measures have to be approved by Cox. At press time, Cox had made no decision on the legislation.

Moore said at the hearing he did not want to jeopardize the hospital with his ruling, but that "it is clear what is to be done."

While the loan settlement pends, accreditation still is needed by the hospital to contract IHS programs though no one has set a date for compliance.

Luke McIntosh, IHS account executive in Oklahoma City, said the tribe's health care system was preparing for another Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations review.

The date of the JCAHO's next visit was not known. Calls to the organization's Chicago headquarters were unanswered in late August.

At the Aug. 26 health board meeting, IHS official Woodrow Kinney recommended reorganizing management and unifying the accounting system of the hospital and clinics, both steps toward accreditation.

Kinney is acting administrator at Creek Nation Community Hospital in Foster's absence.

## Hanna

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Olympics team to the 1991 Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo. Its efforts paid off when the 23 children returned home with nine medals.

Fourth of July marked the community's fourth annual fireworks sale.

For the third consecutive year the community hosted softball, volleyball and horseshoe tournaments in conjunction with Hanna's watermelon festival last month.

Among the community's other festival activities was a flea market. Last year's Halloween activities for youth included a party and spook house. Thanksgiving as well as Christmas dinners also are served for community members.

Last fall and winter, activities also consisted of turkey shoots and, for a minimal fee, silversmith classes offered to community members. Silversmith classes are tentatively scheduled for late October.

The community's purchase of a van in January has made it possible for them to provide transit services to community members as well as Hanna community members.

The van is used for business purposes, community activities as well as to give members rides to the center. For \$3 per trip the community provides transportation to Creek Nation's Okmulgee Bingo on Thursdays and to Eufaula Indian Community Bingo on Fridays and Sundays.

It also plans to provide free transportation to Eufaula twice monthly enabling Indian community members to shop and pay their bills.

The community's objective is to expand its smokeshop into a convenience store.

Its community development block grant proposal, in its final preparation stages, specifies its request for convenience store expansion.



## Berryhill

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having a formal journalism education.

She was raised in Okmulgee until her parents, Martha Perryman Berryhill and the late James Berryhill, moved to California when she was 5.

Though far removed from Creeks, her parents instilled in her an awareness of her Native American identity by raising her in an Indian Methodist church in the San Francisco Bay area.

She attended public school in Oakland and Alameda, Calif. and first became interested in journalism while a high school student.

With the encouragement of her father she wrote for her high school newspaper for two years. "I've always liked to write," she said.

Not having a formal education has not deterred Berryhill from working in a variety of mass communication positions.

In 1972, she landed her first job in the field as a volunteer for *Indigena*, a quarterly international newspaper focused on Indians in Central and South America. She also got into radio production by volunteering at local public radio stations. From 1972 through 1978 she had a one-hour live show called "Living on Indian Time." She has since been a producer at National Public Radio and the program director at three public radio stations.

Berryhill recently co-produced a program for Indian health care centers entitled "Red Road." The program consists of a 30-minute interview with Indians who are drawing on strength from their culture and tradition to stay sober.

She is currently working as a consultant to the Smithsonian Institution, and the Native American Public Broadcasting Consortium.

She began coordinating the project in September 1990 after the NAPBC requested her expertise.

"We asked her because she has a broad view of issues that are important to Native Americans today," said Paul Johnson, director of telecommunications for NAPBC.

"We know she's a very accomplished producer who's worked on the national level, the local and regional levels."

Berryhill is one of two Mvskokes involved with the series. Creek writer Joy Harjo, University of New Mexico professor of English, is a member of the series' advisory committee.

Berryhill maintains the documentary is unprecedented because it is being developed with input from Native American communities.

Native Americans offered suggestions as to "what the subjects should be, who we should interview and what perspective Indian communities want (non-Indians) to have."

The series is a celebration of the survival of Native American people before and after Columbus. The 13-part documentary addresses Native American life from historical and contemporary viewpoints. Two of the 13-part series are specifically geared toward addressing the quincentennial.

The series is a production of NAPBC in Lincoln, Neb., and Radio Smithsonian in Washington, D.C.

The series is funded in part by a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, with additional funding from the Smithsonian's Educational

Outreach Fund. It will be distributed by American Public Radio in January 1992. Five APR affiliates in Oklahoma will have access to the program.

"We're looking forward to it," said Susan Anderson, program manager for KOSU in Stillwater. "We think it will be a great service to our Native American community and at the same time, educational to the non-Indian community as well."

The producers are obtaining opinions, stories and Native Americans' views of Columbus' arrival by going to Indian communities throughout the United States. This is why Berryhill is seeking the assistance of tribes and Indian producers.

"The tribes help introduce producers to local Native Americans who go with us on the interview and translate," she said.

"We need help; I can't send radio producers out into the community and expect the community to accept them with open arms."

The series will share information about the first encounter and show how Indian people were active participants throughout history.

"We know that there are a lot of exciting things happening in the Indian world and that's what we hope to share."

Will the series incorporate Mvskoke history or culture in any of the programs?

"Of course, (if it didn't) I wouldn't be able to come back home," Berryhill said.

(Berryhill belongs to the bird clan and Nuyaka Tribal Town. She is the maternal granddaughter of the late Melissa Haley and Eddie Perryman. Her paternal grandparents are the late Alex and Annie Berryhill.)

## Council

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Indian Community) the money is not there."

Hill and tribal administrators insist the business and governmental services committee did not leave the funds in the FY 1991 budget approved last year.

"When the budget was cut from (the proposed) \$15 million to \$13 million, all the tribally-funded programs were affected," Hill said. "School clothing was one of them."

The Council also approved a school clothing bill with no income guidelines later but never provided a funding source for that proposal. With no guidelines, Hill estimated more than 8,000 Creek children would have been eligible.

Creek District Rep. Ed Frye disagreed with the administration's earlier response, telling the Council that funds were left in the budget and that tribal administrators used the money to give employee raises.

Hill said only one person on his staff is funded with tribal funds and that he had nothing to do with any salary increases.

Hill said he discussed the issue with Frye before the passage of the 1991 budget. Hill said his impression from the discussion was the Council would provide the funding for clothing in a supplemental bill.

"I don't make policy, I just implement what is set up," Hill said.

In other business the Council:

- approved the creation and funding of the tribal legal rights fund. The bill would create a three-member panel that would determine who received funds.

Some of the representatives wanted restrictions on the bill. Okmulgee District Rep. Thomas Berryhill said thin-blood members of the tribe would

make a run on the funds. Hughes-Seminole (Tuckabatche) Rep. Thomas Yahola said the funds should be used for those Indians with restricted land title and minerals problems.

The bill's author, Tulsa District Rep. Jerry Wilson, said the commission, staffed by the principal chief, Council speaker and community services committee chair, should be allowed to make those decisions;

- authorized the tribal administration to contract the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for Fiscal Year 1992;

- appropriated \$12,426.30 for building repairs to the Eufaula Indian Community Smokeshop. The tribe owns the building though the community uses the facility.

Muskogee District Rep. Helen Chupco opposed the bill telling the Council that when she sought repairs for the Muskogee community center, she was told she had to have three bids before receiving funds.

McIntosh District Rep. Frank Kamp assured the Council the community would receive three bids before letting the contract. Kamp said since the tribe owns the facility, repair costs should be borne by the tribe. The money will come from the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board to the tribal treasury. The money will be deducted from the \$122,000 owed the tribal treasury for a loan made to the board in January 1990;

- amended a lease with the Grace Sand Co. The company removes sand on tribal property near 81st Street and Riverside Drive in Tulsa, near Creek Nation's Tulsa Bingo.

There is confusion about the expiration date of the lease. McIntosh District Rep. Tommy Pickering

told the Council that Grace believes it has a three-year lease that expires in 1993. The Tulsa district delegation to the Council and the Tulsa Indian Community contend the Council only approved a one-year lease and that it will expire Aug. 31. Council Speaker Ken Childers authored the extension until Nov. 30 saying it will allow enough time to resolve the dispute;

- appropriated \$6,300 for water line repairs at the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Indian Baptist Association assembly ground at Yardeka. During the association's annual meeting Aug. 14-18, some contamination problems occurred leaving some of the camps without water for a short time. The M-S-W funding will be included in the water and sewer grant project for FY 1992;

- included phases two and three of the water and sewer grants for ceremonial grounds and Creek churches in the FY 1992 budget;

- approved \$500 honorariums for ceremonial grounds participating in the 1992 Council Oak Ceremony, Oct. 27 in Tulsa. Tribal mekkos, tribal officials and representatives of the Tulsa city government have met at the Council Oak the last Sunday in October;

- confirmed the nominations of Mary Sue Peak and Susanna Willits, both of Tulsa, to the tribal election board. They join Phyllis Warrington of Sapulpa and Gene Bigpond of Mounds on the board;

- approved an orthodontics bill for children. The \$110,000 needed to fund the program will come from the balance owed the tribal treasury by the health board for a loan made in January 1990. The program will take two years to complete allowing the board to make gradual payments on the debt.



# Otowo'skv-ra'kko (Big Chestnut) October

Net'tv-ca'ko SUNDAY	Mv'nte MONDAY	Tu'ste TUESDAY	Net'tvca'kuce-en nvrkvp'v WEDNESDAY	Rv'ste THURSDAY	Fli'te FRIDAY	Nettv-ca'ko-cu'se SATURDAY
<p>■ Listed by date and time are chartered community meetings</p>		1 Tulsa, 6:30 p.m. Okla. City, 7 p.m. Okfuskee, 7 p.m.	2	3 Okemah, 7 p.m.	4	5
6	7 Kellyville, 7 p.m. Muskogee, 7:30 p.m. Wetumka, 7 p.m.	8 Checotah, 6 p.m. Glenpool, 6:30 p.m.	9	10	11 Muskogee candidates forum, 7 p.m.	12 Okla. City candidates forum, 2 p.m.
13 Tulsa candidates forum, 1-5 p.m.	14 Sapulpa candidates forum, 7 p.m. Hanna, 7 p.m. Okmulgee, 7 p.m. Beggs, 7 p.m.	15 Precinct registration closes Dewar, 7 p.m.	16	17 Okemah, 7 p.m.	18	19
20	21 Bristow, 7 p.m. Holdenville, 7 p.m. Wilson, 7 p.m. Koweta, 7:30 p.m.	22 Duck Creek, 7 p.m.	23	24	25	26 Tribal primary election
27 Yardeka, 7 p.m. Council Oak ceremony, Tulsa	28 Weleetka, 7 p.m.	29	30	31 Eufaula, 7 p.m.		

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Distribution sites include:

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Coweta	First and third Tuesday
Eufaula	First and third Thursday
Okemah	First and third Wednesday
Holdenville	First and third Tuesday
Weleetka	Fourth Tuesday
Wetumka	Second Thursday
Checotah	Second and fourth Thursday
Dewar	Second and fourth Wednesday
Glenpool	First and third Wednesday
*Bristow	First and third Thursday
**Kellyville	First and third Thursday

Times: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\* 9 a.m.-noon.

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Tribal Affairs  
Buddy York 270  
Human Development  
Emanuel Morgan 350

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### Children & Family Services

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Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 756-2112.

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Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 758-1400 or 1412.

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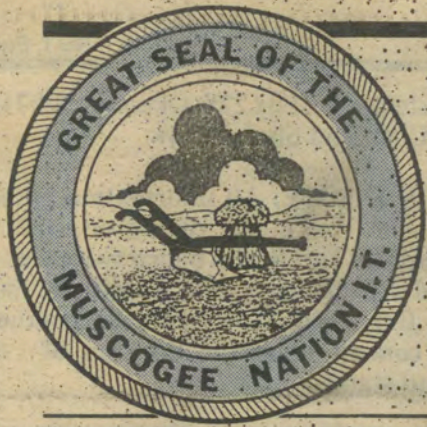
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## COVER STORY

# Historic election approaches



**Creek Nation  
Voting District Boundaries  
And Precincts**  
• Precincts

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

**T**he 1991 Muscogee (Creek) Nation elections are expected to attract the largest number of voters in a tribal election since 1971, the first year a principal chief was elected.

Already, the 1991 contests have attracted the most candidates ever. Sixty tribal citizens have filed for principal chief, second chief and for National Council seats.

For the first time since tribal-wide elections were held for principal chief, current Chief Claude Cox will not be on the ballot for the tribe's highest-elected office.

Six men are challenging for tribe's top leadership position.

Voters will elect the largest National Council since the passage of the 1979 Constitution, which provided for representation by district and per 1,000 enrolled citizens. Increasing enrollment has raised the tribe's census to well over 32,000 members. Those members will have a combined 31 seats on the Council.

Some of the candidates have been on the campaign trail as far north as Lawrence, Kan., and as far south as

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## CREEK CAMPAIGN '91

**Special election  
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## Chief's race attracts six

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

**O**KMULGEE -- The curtain is about to go up on one of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's biggest events: the 1991 tribal elections.

After the Oct. 26 primary, the field of principal chief and second chief candidates could be reduced to two each and the 1992-93 National Council races should be decided.

The six men vying for the tribe's highest-elected office are educator Jackson Barnett of Okemah, Second Chief Perry Beaver of Jenks, National Council Speaker Ken Childers of Glenpool, Okfuskee District Rep. Bill Fife of Weleetka, Creek District Rep. Ed Frye of Bristow and

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## Health board repays loan balance

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

**O**KMULGEE -- The Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board repaid the balance of a loan due to the tribal administration, meeting an Oct. 1 deadline.

Principal Chief Claude Cox sought a civil action against the health board to have the board pay off the \$272,200 loan made to the health care system in fiscal year 1990.

In August, the tribal district court ordered the board to make arrangements with the administration to repay the loan.

Portions of the \$272,200 was appropriated to the Holdenville Indian Community and cooling units for invalids and shut-ins.

A check for \$122,567 was presented to the National Council and records of the payment were filed with the court clerk.

According to court records, the funds to repay

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## Council OKs FY92 budget

**O**KMULGEE -- The National Council approved the fiscal year 1992 comprehensive budget rather quietly this year.

The legislators authorized a \$13.32 million spending package in September. FY92 funding levels were maintained at last year's total. In '91, the Council approved two stopgap measures before settling on the issue.

Most significant changes in the 1992 budget:  
-- a 25 percent spending limit and  
-- disallowing any budget modifications, including salary increases for employees, without Council approval.



# Make your voice heard

It's almost here.

The much discussed 1991 Muscogee (Creek) Nation elections begin this month with the primary election Oct. 26. The general election is Dec. 7.

This is an exciting time for citizens with anxious moments for candidates who have invested their time, money and efforts seeking office.

Generally, people are excited about change in government. After 20 years as principal chief, Claude Cox is retiring, though not from politics. Come January, there will be a new chief, second chief and a new Council to lead the tribe for the next few years.

The six candidates for chief represent a wealth of experience forged by the differences that make each unique.

As evidenced by the number of candidate forums held throughout the nation and some outside the traditional boundaries, people seem eager to hear new ideas and approaches for government solutions to tribal and individual problems.

The next set of tribal leaders face a lengthy agenda.

Among the tribe's needs are more jobs, adequate housing, better distribution of resources, law enforcement, legal services, additional education opportunities, better health care and a vision for the future.

But, if there were no solutions, the election would be pointless.

There is a vast, untapped potential that this tribe only recently has begun to seek.

There is no doubt that those seeking office agree about the needs of the nation. Where they differ, is with their means to achieve these desired goals.

It is good that there are differences. Each candidate has strengths and weaknesses.

Many tribal officials anticipate one of the largest voter turnouts since the tribe began holding elections in 1971.

Several factors are mentioned for causing this but the most consistent reason is that the people are better informed about tribal programs and government functions.

Voting is an exercise in democracy. Now is the time for people to reclaim the government.

The ancient poet Hesiod, wrote in support of the fledgling Greek democracy, that "The voice of the people is the voice of God."

On Oct. 26, let your voice be heard.



JIM WOLFE

MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS EDITOR

## Letter to the editor

### Health board claims report incomplete, violated rights

Managing Editor:

This letter is in response to Jim Wolfe's attack on the Creek Nation Health System and the Hospital and Clinics Board that was published in the September issue of *The Muscogee Nation News* ("Officials: Hospital in Trouble"). As members of the board, we demand that the full text of the following three paragraphs be published in the October issue of *The Muscogee Nation News*.

It is regrettable that Mr. Wolfe did not take the time to fully research his article or to contact the Hospital and Clinics Board to help him sort out the facts from fiction. We realize that *The Muscogee Nation News* is under considerable political pressure, especially with the tribal elections at hand and considering that one of our board members is a candidate for second chief. No doubt this makes it very difficult, if not entirely impossible, for your staff to be completely biased and politically neutral in its reporting. It is our belief that the Muscogee people are endowed with enough common sense to "read between the lines" and will not blindly accept what they read in *The Muscogee Nation News* as the final word.

Your readers should know that in his zeal to present the "facts" Mr. Wolfe, and his anonymous source of information, have seriously violated the rights of one of our hospital patients by publishing information contained in confidential medical records. Obviously, the potential legal ramifications of this action are considerable. In our position as members of the Hospital and Clinics Board and as Muscogee citizens, we request that you, as Managing Editor, accept and exercise your responsibility to ensure that the editorial content of *The Muscogee Nation News* in no way violates the rights of any person.

Anyone wishing to contact the Hospital and Clinics Board may do so in writing at the following address: Hospital and Clinics Board, Creek Nation

Health System, P.O. Box 228, Okemah, OK 74859.  
Helen Coon and Shelly Crow

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** All information gathered in the article was public record or dealt with public funding. The health board twice was contacted and did not respond to specific questions posed by Jim Wolfe. The News determines its editorial content upon the decision of three editors and stands by its story.

## Letter of thanks

### Okmulgee District representative thanks constituents for support

Editor:

I want to thank my people for the support given me the past four years and I am thanking you in advance for your support for the next two years.

I am pleased and proud to be your representative. The Creek Nation has made great strides. We are a great Nation. We are a known Nation. May we continue to be in the forefront. May we keep our image progressive.

My platform always has been for strong education programs and economic development. Our children must be prepared for today and only education will do this. We must be able to have programs and businesses to employ our people. Our whole future depends on this.

I may not always agree with you, but I will agree to disagree with you and then I will help you fix your flat tire after we disagree.

A democratic nation does not always agree 100 percent.

Favorable outcomes are based on strong leadership. I hope my people place me in this category. I appreciate my people and I will be there helping you as my heart and conscious will allow me to.

Harvey Gilroy, Henryetta

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Gilroy is a National Council district representative from the Wilson community. He is unopposed in the upcoming tribal elections.



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Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Art enthusiasts at the Oklahoma Indian Art Market and Inter-Tribal Powwow stop to look at the works of Kelly Haney, a Creek-Seminole artist. Artists from across Oklahoma exhibited their works at the annual Okmulgee show.

### In Brief

#### Chief reorganizes cabinet in effort to comply with order

OKMULGEE -- Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief Claude Cox has reorganized his administration in an attempt to comply with a tribal court order.

Effective Oct. 1, Cox said he declared the executive director and division directors' positions vacant as a result of a Supreme Court permanent injunction.

The tribe's high court has ruled earlier that the present administration must reorganize its interior offices to comply with tribal ordinance NCA 88-15.

Cox said he has advertised to fill the positions but does not know when he will make selections. In the interim Cox has appointed Buddy York as executive director; Thomas Mitchell as finance director; Woody Anderson as human development director and Emanuel Morgan tribal affairs director.

The community services director remains vacant and is unfunded, Cox said.

#### Council authorizes Eufaula dorm access to federal interest funds

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) National Council appropriated the interest income from federal grants to supplement the Eufaula dormitory operating budget at the Sept. 28 session.

The tribe receives funds from Public Law 100-297 grants. The money has accrued approximately \$68,000 interest since October 1989. The Council earlier appropriated \$20,000 to the dormitory to supplement specific line items in the fiscal year 1991 budget.

Dormitory administrator Greg Anderson said the remaining \$48,000 was needed to provide services and purchase supplies at the dormitory. Anderson said 128 Indian children were being housed at the dormitory.

#### Election date prompts legislators to meet week earlier in October

OKMULGEE -- The National Council has scheduled its October session for Oct. 19, a week earlier because of the Oct. 26 primary election.

### Judicial Overview

## Injunction keeps tribal directors' positions open

Supreme Court sets date to hear dispute about Cox's candidacy

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Supreme Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation issued a permanent injunction declaring vacant the directors' positions within the tribal administration.

The order was filed Oct. 3 by the high court.

Copies of the injunction have been forwarded to all banks doing business with the tribe. The order directs all banks not to issue, cash or distribute proceeds to interim Executive Director Buddy York, Human Development Director Emanuel Morgan, former Finance Director David Bryant and former Executive Director Gary Breshears.

In the case of Bryant and Breshears, neither are employed with the Creek Nation.

The court went further, ordering the chief to show cause if any of the directors, Breshears and Bryant are employed after Oct. 1.

In a show cause hearing, Cox would have to prove to the court that the employment of any of those named in the injunction is not in violation of the order. A hearing date has not been set.

In other business, the court:

-- set an Oct. 16 date to hear the Okmulgee District Rep. Charlie Litsey vs. Claude Cox case (SC 91-06). Litsey is challenging a Sept. 26 election board decision declaring Cox eligible as a candidate for Okmulgee District-C National Council representative;

-- set a Nov. 16 hearing date for the appeal of the decision in the Kellyville Indian Community case. Community members have been at odds over leadership, membership and the operation of the community's smokeshop. Tribal District Court Judge Patrick Moore ordered the community to halt smokeshop operations and to have a special election;

-- agreed to seek a budget modification from the Council. Moore told the court the wrong budget had

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## Council passes revised orthodontics bill; OKs election code changes

By JIM WOLFE  
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) National Council completed a portion of its September session on Oct. 1, approving four items.

The 29-member tribal legislature set aside the September agenda to deal with the 1992 comprehensive budget. At the Oct. 1 special session the Council approved another orthodontics bill.

The original bill, vetoed by Principal Chief

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VOTED  
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Claude Cox, provides funding for orthodontic services for Indian children at tribal dental facilities.

In his veto message, Cox said he had lost confidence in the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board's operations. The Council failed

to override the veto at a Sept. 18 special session. The revised edition of the bill increases the

funding to \$122,567. That amount is equal to the loan payment made by the health board to the tribal administration Oct. 1.

The bill would require the health board to administer the program.

"We need a good orthodontics program," Cox said. "But this isn't it."

Cox said he will veto the bill.

In other action the Council:

-- approved amendments to the tribal election

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## Chartered Community News

### It's either Halloween, forums or elections at community centers

Compiled by STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

Okemah Indian Community will host a Halloween party and carnival beginning after dusk Oct. 31. The community invites everyone to tour the spook house and play games at various booths.

-- The community will elect new officers Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. To run for office individuals must be over 18, a registered community member, one-fourth Creek or more and a registered Creek Nation voter.

-- The community's monthly domino and bingo games will be played Oct. 12. The domino tournament will begin at 10 a.m.; bingo games start at 7 p.m.

#### Dewar

Dewar Indian Community will host a Muscogee (Creek) Nation forum for principal chief, second chief and Okmulgee District representatives Oct. 15 at 7 p.m.

-- A Creek Nation Community Hospital nurse gives routine blood sugar and pressure readings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. She will be at the center on Oct. 9 and 23 this month.

#### Holdenville

Fred Lowe was elected chair of the Holdenville Indian Community. Other officers: Raymond Buck, vice-chair; Millie Scott, secretary; Susanna Franks, treasurer; and Lona Mae Scott, reporter.

-- The community's bingo hall is in final preparation stages. A concrete parking lot has been laid and siding has been placed on the building, Lowe said. The community hopes to open the hall around the first of November, Lowe said.

#### Yardeka

Yardeka Indian Community is selling ricks of wood for \$25. An additional \$5 is charged for every 20 miles travelled. To place orders, call the community smokeshop at 652-2476.

-- Deadline for the community's coed volleyball tournament is Oct. 16. The tournament will be played Oct. 19 at 8:30 a.m. Rosters limited to eight players. Entry fee is \$30. First and second-place winners will receive T-shirts and third place will receive a team trophy. To enter, call Vincent Williams, community chair, at 652-3937.

#### Checotah

Checotah Indian Community smokeshop employee Brenda Phillips said she will be distributing candy to children on Halloween from noon to 6 p.m. at the drive-through window.

-- The bingo hall is sponsoring a softball team, Checotah Indian Bingo, in the Muskogee Coed Softball League. The team won the preseason tournament and placed in the A division, the tournament's top division.

-- Six community's elders recently returned from a four-day trip to Nashville, Tenn. Those who went



Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Tallahassee and Duck Creek ceremonial ground dancers perform the peace (friendship) dance for spectators at the fourth annual Oklahoma Indian Art Market and Inter-Tribal Powwow in Okmulgee.

are George Hughes, Naggie Wilbanks, Sue Harper, Hanna July, Samaria Jones and Susie Frank.

-- The community will elect officers Oct. 8 at 6 p.m.

#### Duck Creek

Duck Creek Indian Community Vice-chair Nancy Jo Harry said the community's concession stand at the fourth annual Oklahoma Indian Art Market in Okmulgee was a success. Concession stand profits will help fund the community's Christmas activities. Harry said the community would like to thank everyone who supported the community.

#### Hanna

Hanna Indian Community will hold the first of its food bingo games this winter Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.

-- Twenty-two Indian community youth attended the Creek Nation Children and Family Services' Teen Wellness Workshop. Being one of the largest groups present, the community was well represented, said Wanda Harjo, community reporter. A lot of people commented on how well-behaved they were, she said. Several of the teens won door prizes, Harjo said.

#### Koweta

Barbara Gillespie has been elected chair of the Koweta Indian Community. Other officers: Audrey Griffith, vice-chair; Lena Samples, secretary; Eloweda Tiger, treasurer; and Charlie Squire, sergeant of arms.

#### Tulsa

Tulsa Creek Indian Community's candidates forum will be Oct. 13 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Aaronson Auditorium, Tulsa Downtown Central Library, 400 Civic Center. Candidates running for the offices of principal chief, second chief and National Council have been invited.

-- The community's office at 6363 E. 31st, Suite

105 (31st and Sheridan streets) is one Tulsa District voting precinct for Tulsa residents.

-- The community's board of directors meet Oct. 15 at 5:30 p.m. The community will elect a new board Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at its regular meeting.

#### Oklahoma City

Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association will host a candidates forum Oct. 12 at 2 p.m. All principal chief and second chief candidates have been invited. The forum will be at the Red Rock Mental Health Center community room, 4400 N. Lincoln Blvd. A food sale will begin at 11 a.m. and continue throughout the forum.

-- Rufus Cox was elected community chair. Teresa Allen and Helen Burgess were elected board members.

#### Okmulgee

Okmulgee Indian Community will begin assisting eligible school-age athletes in the purchase of athletic equipment. The community appropriated \$1,000 for the provision of athletic equipment to community children who meet income guidelines. Applications will be accepted through November.

-- Around 50 students attended the community's recent cookout for Creek students attending Okmulgee Public Schools.

#### Sapulpa

Sapulpa Indian Community will host a candidates forum Oct. 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. Principal chief, second chief and Okfuskee District candidates have been invited. The forum will be in the Sapulpa Public Library in the John Frank Hall. The library is located at 27 W. Dewey.

-- Yuchi language classes are given at the community office on Sundays from 2:30 to 4 p.m. and Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. The office is at 1130 E. Taft, Creek Hills Mall, Suite 110.

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## Eufaula

John Tiger was elected chair of the Eufaula Indian Community. Other officers: Susie Deere, vice-chair; Jena Loma, secretary; and Millie Colbert, treasurer. Pat McGirt, Frank Kamp and Fran Lewis were elected board members.

-- From Oct. 7 through 13, Community Activity Coordinator Jerry Francis will accept names for the community's annual Little Miss and Little Brave contest. Community children ages 6 through 11 are eligible to enter. Contestants are required to place cans in local businesses for penny votes. The contest will be Oct. 14 through Nov. 21. The contestant with the most money will be the winner. The Little Miss and Little Brave will be crowned Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. Call Francis at 689-9570.

-- The community will host a Halloween party Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. A costume contest, cakewalk and other games are scheduled.

## Glenpool

Glenpool Indian Community will fill the chair position left vacant by the resignation of Dorothy Stephens at the community's regular meeting on Oct. 8. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

-- The community will host a forum for candidates running for Tulsa District representative seats Oct. 15.

## Religion In Brief

## Indian Youth Conference Oct. 18

**YARDEKA** -- The first statewide Indian Youth Evangelism Conference will be Oct. 18 and 19 at the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Association Assembly Grounds. Youths 14 to 29 who have committed to evangelism will conduct all the services and seminars during the two-day conference.

## Baptist newsletter publishes again

**SEMINOLE** -- The Oklahoma Indian Baptist, a newsletter to promote and publicize the ministries among churches, agencies, as well as individuals throughout Oklahoma, has been revived. Published six times a year, the newsletter is available by writing to Bill Barnett, publisher, at P.O. Box 1361, Seminole, OK 74868.

## Gospel singings

## Middle Creek No. 1

**LAMAR** -- Middle Creek No. 1 will host a gospel singing on Oct. 19 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Master of ceremonies will be The Harmonettes and Co. of Ada. Church officials invite all singers. Middle Creek is seven miles south of Dustin off Oklahoma highway 9.

## Butler Creek

**OKEMAH** -- Butler Creek Church will host a gospel singing on Oct. 19 beginning at 7 p.m. Master of ceremonies will be Bill Drywater. The church is on old U.S. highway 69 (three miles east of Oktaha at church sign). The church invites all singers.

## Deep Fork Indian Baptist

**CHECOTAH** -- A dinner and gospel singing are scheduled Oct. 19 at Deep Fork Indian Baptist Church. Master of ceremonies will be Spook Wesley and gospel group Unity. Bill Welch is the pastor.

## Mom, 60, ready to try college after GED

By STEPHANIE BERRYHILL  
MNN Community Affairs Editor

**OKMULGEE** -- Angelus Pigeon atoned for dropping out of Chilocco Indian School by getting her GED certificate through Creek Nation's Adult Education Program.

Now, the 60-year-old mother of 12 wants more -- she wants to attend college next year.

It hardly seems like an impossible task for Angelus.

In 1949, at the age of 18, she almost had graduated from Chilocco, but quit to get married.

"I had always regretted that I didn't go ahead and finish, and I always wanted to finish, so this was my opportunity," she said.

Having raised 12 children over the past 40 years had presented Angelus with her largest obstacle in trying to obtain her GED; her children range from ages 40 to 17.

In 1989 she took GED classes through Creek Nation's program for two months, but dropped out because of her job's changing work hours.

Last June, she enrolled in classes again.

Angelus was required to attend class 24 hours a week to receive a stipend. She said her class, which numbered around 10, was predominantly young. However, her younger classmates didn't make her feel any different than their peers.

"They treated me just like a student and I liked that," she said.

Among her studies were English and math. Reading skills was her strongest area, said Jean Froman, adult education teacher.

Although she had not attended school since she was 18, Angelus said her classroom experience was enjoyable. The pressure, common in



Angelus Pigeon, right, gets help from Jean Froman. Angelus, 60, received her GED recently.

traditional classrooms, was not there, she said.

"You can study at your own level and work at your own pace," she said.

It's not classroom-structure-oriented, as far as teaching technique. Classes are taught one on one, Froman said.

Angelus said she gives most of the credit to Froman and Debbie McGirt, adult education secretary, for giving her the confidence to suc-

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## Senior Spotlight



**Heather Grimes** (Creek)  
**High school:** Wagoner High School.

**Parents:** Wayne and Linda Grimes.

**Activities:** March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon, Adopt-A-Highway Program, Wagoner Area Neighbors Program, Special Olympics basketball game, Veterans Administration Hospital volunteer (72 hours services), Title V Supper Arts and Crafts

for Children volunteer, Foreign Language Club (two years), Stock Market Club (two years), American Indian Science and Engineering Society, student council (two years), Teens For Christ (three years, president 1 year, student council representative 1 year), Future Business Leaders of America, Students Against Driving Drunk, junior prom committee, senior executive committee, senior class vice-president, varsity basketball (two years), IMPACT Support Group, Drug Free Youth.

**Honors:** Wagoner Science Fair (first place in computers), Muskogee Regional Science Fair (first in communications and computer technology), State Science Fair-NASA Award, science outstanding achievement award, Oklahoma Honor Society (six years),

Oklahoma Indian Honor Society, National Honor Society (three years, president 1 year), Optimist International Youth Award, Young Scholars Award, University of Tulsa, Outstanding Students of America, Who's Who Among American High School Students, All American Scholars, Title V-C student representative, FBLA state fall leadership conference, FBLA Mountain Plains Divisional Leadership Conference, Academic International Competition, Muskogee Foreign Language Competition, Spanish Drama Competition, National Rural Electric Co-op Youth Consulting Board Competition, United National Indian Tribal Youth Conference, University of Oklahoma Indian Expo, American Indian Science and Engineering Soci-

ety Conference, Student Council District Meeting.

**Attends:** Northeastern State University at Tahlequah (business major).

**Timothy Travis Tiger Sowards** (Yuchi-Creek)

**High school:** South Page Community School, College Springs, Iowa.

**Parents:** Virginia Nichwander of Glenpool and H.E. Sowards of Bradyville, Iowa.

**Honors:** Grade point average of 3.7 (courses in calculus, physics, CAD and advanced chemistry).

**Activities:** Class president, student council, baseball, football.

**Interests:** Piano and guitar.

**Attends:** University of Colorado at Boulder (School of Engineering and Applied Sciences and major in aerospace engineering).



## Legislative Overview

How They Voted	NCA 91-64 Sept. 18, 1991 Reconsider orthodontic pro- gram funding. Override failed: 19 yes, 7 no, 1 abstain.	NCA 91-65 Sept. 18, 1991 Reconsider Eufaula IC smokeshop re- pairs funding. Passed: 18 yes, 9 no.	NCA 91-93 Sept. 28, 1991 Appropriating the 1992 compre- hensive budget. Passed: 27 yes, 0 no.	NCA 91-72 Oct. 1, 1991 Amending the tribal election code. Passed: 17 yes, 10 no.	NCA 91-71 Oct. 1, 1991 Appropriating funds for mon- itoring Pass: 4 no.
George Almerigi, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Richard Berryhill, Wagoner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	
Larry Bible, Tulsa	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes	
Eugene Birdcreek, Okfuskee	Absent	Absent	Yes	No	
Johnson Buck, Hughes	No	No	Yes	No	
Robert Buck, Hughes	No	No	Yes	No	
Mose Cahwee, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	
Ken Childers, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Did not vote	Did not vote	Did not vote
Helen Chupco, Muskogee	Abstain	No	Yes	Yes	
Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Clarence Cloud, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Helen Duncan, Wagoner	No	No	Yes	Yes	
Bill Fife, Okfuskee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ed Frye, Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee	No	No	Yes	No	
Tony Hale, Okmulgee	No	No	Yes	No	
Mae Jackson, Okfuskee	No	Yes	Yes	No	
Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee	No	No	Yes	No	
Frank Kamp, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Charlie Litsey, Okmulgee	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Harley Little, Muskogee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Tommy Newton, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tom Pickering, McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Donna Rhodes, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Earl Wheeler, Creek	No	No	Yes	Yes	
Jerry Wilson, Tulsa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Thomas Yahola, Hughes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	



<b>91-80</b> Oct. 1, 1991 Appropriating for cere- al grounds. d: 20 yes, 3 abstain.	<b>NCA 91-83</b> Oct. 1, 1991 Authorizing emergency home improve- ment program funding. <b>Passed: 26 yes,</b> 0 no, 1 abstain.	<b>NCA 91-95</b> Oct. 1, 1991 Appropriating funds for a tribal orthodontics program. <b>Passed: 27 yes,</b> 0 no.	<b>NCA 91-79</b> Oct. 1, 1991 A bill appropriat- ing \$5,000 dona- tion to the Okla. Flag Plaza <b>Failed: 10 yes,</b> 16 no.
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## Ceremonial ground dancers to perform at Oak ceremony

TULSA -- Ceremonial ground dancers throughout the Muscogee (Creek) Nation have been invited to participate in the Council Oak Ceremony on Nov. 10.

The ceremony commemorates the spreading of ashes brought from the Muscogee Creeks' Lochapoka Tribal Town. That beginning spawned the city of Tulsa.

The sixth annual ceremony (at 18th and Cheyenne streets) begins at 2 p.m. with regular stomp dancing and speciality dances to begin at 3 in Boulder Park. Lunch will be served at noon.

Tribal town officials, city of Tulsa officials and National Council representatives will be present.

Each ceremonial ground that participates will receive an honorarium. The National Council passed legislation at its August meeting for the honorarium.

Okmulgee District Rep. Thomas Berryhill said to be eligible for the honorarium, ceremonial grounds must meet the following requirements:

- the mikko or second chief, helishiya (medicine man) or speaker should be present for recognition at the beginning of ceremony; and

- there must be shellshakers and participating members of the respective grounds present.

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code. The bill changes the language at sections 219 and 1016. The amendment also deletes the permanent absentee precinct. At section 219, the language was amended to allow the election board to appoint a person who speaks Mvskoke or Yuchi as a translator if necessary. At section 1016, the language was changed, requiring the ballot counters to sign each tally sheet;

- appropriated \$1,000

to each active ceremonial ground. The money will be included in the 1992 comprehensive budget. The bill's author, Okmulgee District Rep. Thomas Berryhill, said the funds would be released before the start of the next Green Corn season;

- approved \$25,000

in emergency funding for the Home Improvement Program (HIP). Community Health Service Manager Tressia Ables told the Council the emergency funds for home improvement fell below \$1,000. Ables also said the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development had missed one complete funding cycle, which resulted in the depletion of funds. The monies will be taken from bingo revenues, and;

- rejected a proposal from Okmulgee District Rep. Harvey Gilroy that would have the tribe contribute \$5,000 to a flag plaza project in Oklahoma City.

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## Education In Brief

## Ten Creeks finish training, find jobs

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation's JTPA office lists 10 graduates who have completed training and now are employed in their respective fields.

The Job Training Partnership Act program offers employment training to eligible Native Americans. The graduates are:

-- Pamela Morris from Muskogee, graduated from Indian Capitol Vo-Tech in Muskogee as a licensed practicing nurse; now employed at Tahlequah City Hospital;

-- Katherine Davis from Tulsa, graduated from Robert's Beauty College of Tulsa; now employed at Mane Attraction in Tulsa;

-- Norma Douglas from Okmulgee, graduated from Oklahoma State University/Okmulgee with an associate's degree in medical secretary, now employed at Home Medical Services in Okmulgee;

-- Stacia Lowe from Holdenville, completed training at Wes Watkins Vo-Tech in Wetumka and received a certificate in computer information processing, now employed at Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada;

-- Janna Vaughn from Henryetta, graduated from OSU/Okmulgee in the medical secretary field, now employed at Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah;

-- Theron Colvin from Okmulgee, graduated from OSU/Okmulgee with an associate's degree in construction technology, now employed with Western Builders in Amarillo, Texas.

## Committee names three Creeks to Indian education conference

NORMAN -- Three Creeks were among 21 delegates nominated to the Oklahoma Steering Committee of the White House Conference on Indian Education. The nominees will represent the state at the national conference in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 22-23. Donna Rhodes of Glenpool, Chanenna Davis of Hanna and Pete Coser of Stillwater. Rhodes, a National Council Tulsa district representative from Glenpool, and Davis, Creek Nation higher education manager, are tribal nominees. Coser is a university/professional nominee. Misty Wind of Wewoka, a Seminole-Creek-Cherokee, is an Indian student nominee.

## Creek Nation Births

### Tanessa Ann Morris

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas -- Tanessa Ann Morris was born on Aug. 7 to Artussee and Joan Morris of Corpus Christi. Tanessa weighed seven pounds, 15 ounces and measured 20.25 inches. Maternal grandparents are Kennard and Delilah Tupin of Seagraves, Texas. Paternal grandmother is Carol Ann (Asbury) Morris of Tulsa. Tanessa's uncles include Buster Barnett of Dustin, Wilbur Starr of Wewoka, John Joe Asbury of Henryetta and Wesley Asbury Sr. of Wichita Falls, Texas. Her great aunt is Mrs. Elsie Watters of Henryetta.



Photo submission  
Holly Renae Watashe, 4, is the 1991 Little Miss Indian Art Market.

## Sapulpa girl reigns as Little Miss Art Market

OKMULGEE -- Holly Renae Watashe, 4, of Sapulpa was selected Little Miss Oklahoma Indian Art Market at the fourth annual event held here in September.

Holly, representing the Kellyville Indian Community, is of Creek-Yuchi-Otoe-Ponca-Pawnee descent. She competed against seven other girls in her division.

Holly, the daughter of Ben and Sylvestine Arkeketa Watashe of Kellyville, has been dancing since was old enough to walk. Her tribal dress is of the Ojibawa tribe, given to her by her aunt two years ago.

Her Indian name, Go Ste Nee (Indian dancer) was given to her by her late great-grandfather, Anderson Hagie. Holly is a member of the Kellyville stomp ground. She is the granddaughter of Roman and Martha Watashe of Kellyville; Anthony and Laura Arkeketa of Ponca City and Harrison and Marie Fields of Tonkawa.

Also, Mike Pahsetopah, a Creek-Yuchi-Osage from Sapulpa, finished third in the men's straight dancing.

Dance contest results are:

Men's straight -- 1, Darrell Moore (Pawnee-Otoe), Dallas; 2, Warren Weller (Caddo), Bixby; 3, Mike Pahsetopah (Creek-Yuchi-Osage), Sapulpa.

Men's traditional -- 1, Norman Newrider (Pawnee), Canyon, Texas; 2, Red Cloud Anquoe (Kiowa-Cree), Tulsa; 3, Howard Todome Jr. (Comanche-Kiowa), Tulsa.

Men's fancy -- 1, Billy McClellan (Iowa-Sac and Fox), Pawnee; 2, George Alexander (Otoe-Iow), Ponca City; 3, Billy Pewo (Comanche), Okmulgee.

Ladies cloth -- 1, Mary Ann Anquoe (Kiowa), Tulsa; 2, Kristy Alexander (Ponca), Ponca City; 3, Salina Noear Todome (Ponca-Otoe), Tulsa.

Ladies fancy shawl -- 1, Amy NoEar (Ponca-Otoe), Tahlequah; 2, Seneca Tyner (Shawnee-Seneca-Assiboine-Sioux), Tulsa; 3, Robin Crowels (Kiowa-Cherokee), Tulsa.

Ladies buckskin -- 1, Claudia Spicer (Otoe), Miami; 2, Laura Sigwing (Otoe-Sac and Fox), Red Rock; 3, Jennifer Gray (Osage-Sac and Fox), Bartlesville.

Little Miss Oklahoma Indian Art Market -- Holly Renae Watashe (Yuchi-Otoe-Ponca-Pawnee), Sapulpa; Little Mr. Oklahoma Indian Art Market -- Vernon Tsosie (Quapaw-Otoe-Kiowa-Navajo), Tulsa; Junior girls -- Jennifer Tsosie (Quapaw-Otoe-Kiowa-Navajo), Tulsa; Junior boys -- Jeremy Williams (Otoe-Kaw-Ponca), Ponca City.

## Commission's project targets disabled, unemployed Creeks

HOUSTON -- The Texas Rehabilitation Commission is actively seeking unemployed Creeks living in Texas who have a physical and mental disability.

The commission has designed a project to help qualified Creeks re-enter the job market through the assistance of vocational or college training, counseling and guidance and job placement.

Tribal or Bureau of Indian Affairs certification is not necessary for eligibility. This service is available to all residents of Texas.

"Hopefully, through this program we can help improve the quality of life for Creeks living in Texas," said Richard Yahola, vocational rehabilitation counselor for the commission's American Indian Task Force.

"Disabilities do not have to be always visible, such as paraplegia, amputation or blindness. They can have hidden disabilities, such as high-blood pressure, diabetes and drug and alcohol abuse."

The American Indian population is disproportionately represented in the number of individuals applying for the commission's services, Yahola said.

Yahola, formerly of Wewoka, Okla., is the son of Thomas Yahola and a Creek citizen.

Residents of Texas interested in information about the commission, can call 1-800-628-5115.

## Youth program to publish Native American cookbook

PHOENIX, Ariz. -- The United American Indian Enterprises, one of the Youth Entrepreneurial Programs sponsored by the Phoenix Indian Center, has announced that it has chosen the publication of a Native American cookbook as its business project. Those interested are invited to send their recipes to Sara Williams, c/o Youth Entrepreneurial Program, The Phoenix Indian Center, 99 E. Virginia, Suite 160, Phoenix, AZ 85004. Those sending recipe are asked to include his/her name, mailing address, tribal affiliation and the history of the recipe.

## Genealogy Search

If you need help in genealogy research and tracing your ancestry, address your inquiry to the Communications Department, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Your inquiry may be printed in this space for others to help in your search. The Communications Department will print inquiries only and cannot aid in research efforts. Remember to include your return address.

### Editor:

I need information to help me find out what happened to the land that was given to my great grandfather when he was put on the rolls in 1908. He died without ever knowing it belonged to him because in 1908 he was two years old. His mother died on the Trail of Tears. Through my research, I do have the property description. He was given homestead allotment and a surplus allotment. I would appreciate any letters or phone calls from any of the Creek people who could help give me any information or might have any idea what clan he belonged to.

Robbin Martin, Route 2, Box 329AD, Mena, ARK, 71953



## Creek Nation deaths

### Wanda Jean Wind

OKEMAH -- Wanda Jean Wind, 68, died Sept. 30 at her home in rural Okemah. Services were Oct. 2 at the High Springs Baptist Church south of Okemah with the Rev. Daniel Wind officiating. Wake services were at the Merritt Cottage Chapel on Oct. 1. Burial was in the High Springs Cemetery. Mrs. Wind was born Jan. 15, 1923, in Henryetta. She was the daughter of James and Mattie Harjo. She was married to Daniel D. Wind on June 4, 1946 at Independence, Kan. Mrs. Wind had been a member of the High Springs Baptist Church for many years. She served as the church treasurer for 15 years. She was a pianist, woman's leader and Sunday School teacher. She also served in the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Association as a GA director, child care director and was active in other M-S-W programs. Her teaching experience also included kindergarten teacher's aide with the Butner School System; also supervisor of the day care center for Creek Nation. Her father preceded her in death. Survivors: her husband Daniel Wind; three sons, Allan Wind of Shawnee, Daniel Wind of Tahlequah and James Wind of Okemah; two daughters, Dee Lopez of Shawnee and Loretta Noon of Okemah; her mother, Mattie Harjo of Weleetka; two brothers, Eugene Harjo of Oklahoma City and Joseph Harjo of Weleetka; two sisters, Josephine Wind of Wetumka and Bernice Sealy of Okemah; 15 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Pallbearers: Carl Noon, Travis Wind, Thomas Wind, Timothy Wind, Vincent Lopez and James Bender.

### Billy Washington

MUSKOGEE -- The Rev. Billy Washington, 63, of Muskogee died Sept. 28 at the Muskogee Regional Medical Center. Services were Sept. 30 in Butler Creek Baptist Church with the Rev. Harley Barnoski officiating. Burial was in the Butler Creek Cemetery. Washington was born Oct. 16, 1927, in Henryetta to Thomas and Martha Washington. He retired from the city of Muskogee after 34 years of service. He and his wife Susie were married on Sept. 9, 1949, at Fort Smith, Ark. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Solomon Lee; and a sister, Louann Washington. Survivors: his wife Susie of the home; three sons, Michael Matthew Washington, Billy Washington Jr. and James Keith Washington; two daughters, Cynthia Kay Graves and Pamela Adair; a brother, Robert Washington of Okmulgee; two sisters, Darlene Buckner of Henryetta and Stella Davis of Muskogee and eight grandchildren. Pallbearers: Derrick Washington, Spencer Wilkinson Jr., Chris Washington, Robert Washington, Arrow Wilkinson and Curtis Kenney.

### Wallace Fixico

SHAWNEE -- Wallace Fixico, 73, died Sept. 21 at the U.S. Veteran's Administration Hospital in Oklahoma City. Services were Sept. 25 at the Seminole Indian Baptist Church with the Rev. Bryant Jesse and the Rev. Leon Postoak officiating. Mr. Fixico was born April 16, 1918, in Holdenville to Wattie Fixico and Fannie Factor. He married Flora Burgess in 1940 in Holdenville. Before retiring, he and his wife lived in Oklahoma City and moved back to Shawnee where they lived the past four years. He was a forklift operator for 31 years before retiring. Survivors: his widow, Flora of the home; two daughters, Joyce Ann Jones of Highspring, Fal.; and Florence Tims of Oklahoma City; 12

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### From the Billy Washington family:

The Billy Washington family thanks the Okmulgee First Indian Baptist Church, Spring Baptist Church, Sharon and Gladys Mouss, the Rev. Robert Washington, Tuskegee Indian Baptist Church, Nuyaka Indian Baptist Church, Grave Creek Indian Baptist Church, Hickory Ground No. 2 Indian Baptist Church, Chester Fields, Sandra Tiger, Mae Mitchell, Creek Nation Dental Clinic, Creek Nation Complex, the Rev. Harley Barnoski, Robert Washington Jr., Michael Washington, Derrick Washington, Chris Washington, Spencer Wilkinson Jr. and Arrow Wilkinson, and all the M-S-W ministers who lent support.

### From the Eloise Proctor family:

The Eloise Proctor family thanks Sand Creek Baptist Church, Okemah clinic and Creek Nation for their support and sympathy during its time of need. Sympathy cards, flowers, food, personal calls and prayers will be remembered. Special thanks to the Rev. Woody Fields and the Rev. Ledon Buckley.

grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Tom and Robert, and his sisters, Yana Fixico Dunzy and Winey Fixico Bruner, all of Holdenville. Pallbearers: R.C. Jones, Mike Jones, Mike Hendrix, Javie Santos, Robert Fixico and Johnny Fixico.

### John 'Joe' Deere

WEWOKA -- John Deere Sr., 70, of Wewoka died Sept. 6 in Eufaula. Services were Sept. 10 at the Eufaula First Baptist Church with the Rev. Charley Thompson officiating. Burial was at the Greenlawn Cemetery. Deere was born Nov. 10, 1920, to Thomas and Minerola McIntosh Deere in Eufaula. He graduated from Sequoyah Indian Boarding School in 1938. He attended Bacone College for two years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific Theater. He retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs after 40 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine; three sisters, Eunice, Marguerite and Marion; and one half-brother, Wiley Deere. Survivors: one daughter, Bettie Williston of Dallas; two sons, John Deere Jr. and George Deere, both of Downey, Calif.; one half-sister, Naomi Thompson, and one half-brother Noah Deere of Muskogee; two grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

### Barney West

WELEETKA -- Barney West, 52, of Weleetka died Aug. 30 in Tulsa. Services were Sept. 2 in the Merritt Cottage Chapel with the Rev. Christopher Harjo serving as clergyman. Burial was in the Hutchechuppa Cemetery. West was born Jan. 4, 1939, to Robert and Louise Kelly West. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors: a brother, Bill West of Weleetka; six sisters, Lillian West and Esther West of the home, Wanda King and Mary West of Henryetta; Sally West of Weleetka and Ann Parton of Oklahoma City. Pallbearers: Howard West, Charles West, Gene Harjo, Daniel West, Jess Scott and Paul McNac.

### Robert E. 'Buster' Drew

EUFAULA -- Robert E. 'Buster' Drew, 70, of Canadian died Sept. 10 at a Tulsa hospital. A traditional Creek song service was held Sept. 13 at

the residence, conducted by Tuskegee Indian Baptist Church. Services were Sept. 14 at the P.R. Ewing Cemetery at Eufaula with the Rev. Belvin 'Pudgy' Hill officiating. Drew was born June 12, 1921, at Eufaula, the son of David and Ora Ola Ewing Drew. He was a graduate of Eufaula High School where he was active in sports. He attended Bacone College for one year prior to entering the U.S. Army at the beginning of World War II. He served in the Mediterranean European Theater of Operations and was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart. Following the war, he received a bachelor of science degree in education from Southeastern State College and a master of science degree from Oklahoma State University. He was married to the former Sybil Simmons on Jan. 31, 1948. He worked for several years as a teacher and principal at BIA schools in South Dakota. He spent many years as a health educator with the Indian Health Service. From 1963-70, he served as assistant chief and chief in the IHS's Office of Tribal Affairs in Oklahoma City. He retired and lived in Canadian in 1980. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 79 of McAlester and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans. Drew was preceded in death by one son, Robert Ewing Drew Jr.; two sisters, Lee Ola Drew and Eloise Drew McCarty and one brother, David Daniel Drew Jr. Survivors: two daughters, Iris Ann Drew of the home and Precilla Gail Brown of Muskogee; two sons, Stanley Ray Drew of Arizona and Michael Todd Drew of McAlester; two sisters, Mrs. Nina Notaro of Dallas and Mrs. Ruth Wagoner of Claremore; one brother, Fred Drew of Milan, N.M.; his mother-in-law, Minnie Simmons, and a sister-in-law, Pokie Everett, both of McAlester; six granddaughters; two grandsons and numerous nieces and nephews.

### Willie Watashe

SAPULPA -- Willie Watashe, 75, of Sapulpa died Sept. 8 at his home. Services were Sept. 11 at Little Cussetah Baptist Church with the Rev. Willis Knight officiating. Burial was in the Long Family Cemetery. Watashe was born on Nov. 27, 1915, in Sapulpa and lived in Sapulpa his entire life. He was retired from the Riley Southwest Corp. and was a deacon of Little Cussetah Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Angie Bucktrot Watashe. Survivors: his wife Annie; stepson Larry Long of Sapulpa; brothers Ernest Watashe of Glenpool and Joe Watashe of Sapulpa; and sisters Marie Jack of Sapulpa and Mary Ann Crook of Coweta.

### Eloise Proctor

WETUMKA -- Eloise Proctor, 70, of Wetumka died Aug. 8 at Creek Nation Community Hospital. Services were Aug. 12 at Sand Creek Baptist Church with the Rev. Woody Fields and the Rev. Ledon Buckley officiating. Burial was in the Harjo Family Cemetery. Mrs. Proctor was born Aug. 20 at Wetumka to Bunny and Betsy Fife Harjo. She attended Bacone in Muskogee. She also worked for Lillian Russell Manufacturing in Wewoka and Seam Proof in Holdenville as a seamstress for many years. She was a member of Sand Creek Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Proctor in 1954, four brothers and her parents. Survivors: one daughter, Betsy Proctor of Wetumka; a brother, Shot Harjo of Wetumka; and several other relatives and friends. Pallbearers: Lance Harjo, Sonny McKinney, Clifford Buckley, Bronco Harjo, Ben Givens and Robert Berryhill.

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## Creek Nation deaths

### Joe Smith

CASTLE -- Joe Smith, 74, of Castle, died Sept. 5 in Okemah. He was born March 4, 1917, in Okfuskee County to Jim and Malley Smith. Services were Sept. 9 at Prairie Springs Baptist Church with the Rev. Frank Billy officiating. Burial was in the Ofonoke Cemetery. Smith was a rancher and a member of Prairie Springs Baptist Church. He married Dora Mae Hicks in 1940. He was preceded in death by his wife and an infant son, Roy Lee Smith. Survivors: a daughter, Mary Ann Tiger of Castle; four grandchildren, Peggy, Wayne, Danny and Amon; three brothers, Eddie Smith, Little Joe Smith and Sam Cooper, all of Okemah. Pallbearers: Wayne Tiger, Chester Smith, Danny Tiger, Allen Fixico, Amon Tiger and Ton Cooper.

### Lizzie Gouge

DUSTIN -- Lizzie Gouge, 69, of Dustin died Sept. 20 in Oklahoma City. Services were at the Woodrow Gouge residence in rural Dustin on Sept. 23 with the Rev. Johnson Roberts officiating. Burial was in the Gouge Family Cemetery. She was a homemaker and also was active in the Salvation Army. She was born to William Smith and Nellie (Fields) Smith on May 19, 1922, in Okfuskee County. She was married to Woodrow Gouge. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Harper Smith, and a half-sister, Rosanna Powell. Survivors: her husband, Woodrow; daughters, Edna Bear of Okemah, Linda Harjo of Oklahoma City and Maxine Watkins of Chickasha; sons George, Margie and Randy all of Oklahoma City; a grandson, David Gouge; a brother, Johnson Smith of Gore; sisters, May Frye and Lucille Sumka of Henryetta, and Louise Smith of Glenpool; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### Eugene Russell Canard

WAGONER -- Eugene "Gene" Russell Canard, 80, died March 15 at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa. Services were March 17 at the Wagoner Mallett Chapel and burial was in the Wetumka Cemetery. Canard was born May 10, 1911, in Wetumka to Roly Canard and Annis Canard (nee Carr). Canard preferred to be buried next to his father, Roly Canard, who was principal chief of the Creek Nation for many years. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the Philippines with the U.S. Army engineers. He was a member of Thlophocco Tribal Town and served in the House of Warriors. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. Survivors: his wife, Ruth S. Canard of Wagoner; his daughter Darla Jean Atkins of Florida; two granddaughters and one great granddaughter; and two brothers, Virgil Canard of Albuquerque, N.M., and Curtis Canard of Tulsa.

### Ryal to host tournament Oct. 12

RYAL -- The Ryall School Booster Club is sponsoring a coed volleyball tournament Oct. 12 at 9 a.m.

The eight-person roster is limited to four-man four-woman teams.

First and second place winners will be awarded t-shirts. A team trophy will be awarded to the third place winners.

The registration fee is \$30. For more information call Ryall School at 652-7461 or Vincent Williams at 652-3937 after 3 p.m.

## Classifieds

### Help wanted

#### Executive director

**SALARY:** Negotiable.  
**LOCATION:** Creek Nation Tribal Complex, Okmulgee, Okla.

**DUTIES:** Chief Executive Officer Tribal Administration reporting to Principal Chief. Provides leadership to Communications and Graphic Services, Fiscal Services as related to Budgets, Contracts and Management Information Systems. Directs Personal Property Control and Purchasing, Personnel Services, Policy and Research administration. Coordinates various activities related to Tribal government agencies and commissions as appropriate.

Represents administration, as authorized, in matters of local, regional and national interests. Performs other duties as assigned by Principal Chief.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Prefer MBA or other business masters degree. Will consider applicant with BS in business and 4 years management experience with minimum of 15 employees.

Knowledge and operational experience in systems and methodology. Must be able to develop and coordinate programs involving the federal government.

Subject to nomination by Principal Chief and approval by National Council.

Indian preference.  
**CLOSING DATE:** Until filled.

**SEND APPLICATIONS TO:** Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Personnel Services, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK, 74447. Telephone: (918) 756-8700, Ext. 389-390.

#### Director, Division of Tribal Affairs

**SALARY:** Negotiable.  
**LOCATION:** Creek Nation Tribal Complex, Okmulgee, Okla.

**DUTIES:** Under the supervision of Executive Director, provides direct supervision to departments of Realty, Natural

Resources, Appraisals, Agriculture, Real Property and Facilities, Property and Supply. Other related duties assigned.

Job duties include, but not limited to, proposal writing, budgeting and evaluating program accomplishments and objectives.

Will directly supervise approximately 40 employees.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Graduation from a four-year institution with a bachelor's degree in business management or related field.

Graduate work or advanced degree preferred.

Must have extensive experience and knowledge in program development and fiscal management.

Subject to nomination by Principal Chief and approval by National Council.

Indian preference.  
**CLOSING DATE:** Until filled.

**SEND APPLICATIONS TO:** Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Personnel Services, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK, 74447. Telephone: (918) 756-8700, Ext. 389-390.

#### Director of Treasury

**SALARY:** Negotiable.  
**LOCATION:** Creek Nation Tribal Complex, Okmulgee, Okla.

**DUTIES:** Directs, plans and coordinates all financial functions of the Tribe. Make sure all federal and state accounting mandates are enacted. Maintains and furnishes all records to comply with the Single Audit Act. Directs the cash management, accounts payable, payroll and auditing functions.

Provides investment expertise and makes sure all Tribal monies are invested to secure investments with maximum money returns to Tribe.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Prefer CPA, will consider qualified applicant with master's degree and three years practical work experience in accounting. Applicants with bachelor's degree in accounting and seven or more years work experience in accounting

will be considered.

Persons without degree in accounting need not apply.

Subject to nomination by Principal Chief and approval by National Council.

Indian preference.  
**CLOSING DATE:** Until filled.

**SEND APPLICATIONS TO:** Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Personnel Services, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK, 74447. Telephone: (918) 756-8700, Ext. 389-390.

#### Director, Division of Human Development

**SALARY:** Negotiable.  
**LOCATION:** Creek Nation Tribal Complex, Okmulgee, Okla.

**DUTIES:** Under the supervision of the Executive Director, provides direct planning, development and operational management for a wide range of federal, state and tribal grants and contracts.

Job duties include both fiscal and program management.

The director supervises program managers in the achievement of specific goals and objectives and evaluates accomplishments within the division.

Area of responsibility includes, but not limited to, pre-school education, adult education, higher education, home-living services, vocational training, employment and training services and other duties as assigned by the Executive Director.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Education: Graduation from a four-year institution with a bachelor's degree in education, management or related field.

Graduate work or advanced degree preferred.

Experience: Management experience in education or related field.

Must have extensive experience and knowledge in program development and fiscal management.

Subject to nomination by Principal Chief and approval by National Council.

Indian preference.  
**CLOSING DATE:** Until filled.

**SEND APPLICATIONS TO:** Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Personnel Services, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK, 74447. Telephone: (918) 756-8700, Ext. 389-390.

## Notices

### OU's American Indian Institute

The American Indian Institute at the University of Oklahoma is seeking American Indian people to work with its Neekon project in and around McCloud, Oklahoma. Available positions include a curriculum development specialist, an evaluation specialist (half-time) and three (3) paraprofessional community development assistants to work directly with young American Indian children and their parents. These interesting and worthwhile positions will be filled just as soon as possible. For application information, please contact the American Indian Institute at (405) 325-1436.

### Names needed for mailing list

The American Indian Chamber of Commerce is compiling a mailing list and directory of American Indian business owners. For further information, call Jack Spradling, interim chairman for the American Indian Chamber of Commerce, at (918) 492-9639.

### Trade group seeks members

The Oklahoma Indian Contractors and Business Association, a trade organization funded by its own dues and not affiliated with any group or organization, is seeking memberships. Membership is available to Native Americans who own at least 51 percent of a construction or supply-related business. The group meets monthly. Contact: Dan W. Holman (Choctaw), President OICBA, P.O. Box 20486, Oklahoma City, OK 73156. Call: (405) 848-3822. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Write: P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447



## Election

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Dallas, Texas. Chartered communities, tribal organizations and other interested parties booked candidate forums throughout the summer and early fall.

Longtime political observers note that there never has been as much demonstrated interest in the elections at the community level as evidenced this past year.

More than 11,000 tribal members are eligible to vote, said Juliene Stone, Creek Nation election board secretary. If just 5,000 of those eligible do vote, the turnout would be the largest to date.

The elections also have generated interest among non-Indians.

An editorial in the June 12 edition of *The Tulsa Tribune* stated, "The election will be of special import in Tulsa, where the Creek Nation has

investments -- a high stakes bingo hall --and thousands of tribal members."

Other local economies have interest. The Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah stokes the economy for Okfuskee County with lease payments, purchases and payroll.

Okmulgee, where the tribal capitol complex is located, has much at stake. Because of convenience, and other factors, millions in tribal funds pass through local banks and merchants.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. Area Manager David Arbuckle, himself a tribal citizen, says the elections are significant.

"The Creek Nation represents the largest untapped potential in this area," Arbuckle said. "Under that, there are tons of cultural development that can be unleashed for good."

"Of course, any time you have an election there is a lot of local interest."

The numbers justify such interest.

The tribe, from all funding sources for every program and agency, bingo operations and judgment funds held in trust for the tribe, accounts for more than \$30 million.

Other facts and figures of the 1991 election:

-- The oldest candidate listing his age is Claude Cox, 78. The youngest, McIntosh District Rep. Tommy Newton at 24. Several candidates were reluctant to reveal their respective ages. One wrote simply that he was a senior citizen.

-- Thirteen women seek tribal office. One, Shelly Crow, is running for second chief, and the others are in Council races; six in the Tulsa District contests.

## Mom

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ceed.

"I'm a shy person, but they brought me out of it. They had more confidence in me than I had. Jean and Debbie make you feel welcome."

After 12 weeks, Angelus finished classes in August then took her GED exam.

She had to wait two weeks to get back the results. She didn't fret because she really didn't expect to pass.

"I was just waiting to see what classes I would have to take over to pass."

The results surprised her: "I was stunned, but very glad," she said.

With the new-found confidence earning a GED has instilled in her, Angelus plans to enroll

at Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee in January.

Froman said Angelus is an inspiration for all single mothers who never received their high school diplomas.

"I would like them to look at what Angelus has done and let that be an incentive for them to obtain a GED. The opportunities are out there for them to make it and this is just a start."

Angelus advises the older woman or homemaker who wants to earn a GED that it is never too late.

"If they've got the desire to do it -- they can do it. Just say a little prayer and have faith. If I can do it, anyone can do it."

## Candidates

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Creek Nation social services manager Jimmy Hill of Eufaula.

Second chief candidates are Hospital and Clinics Board Chair Shelly Crow of Tulsa, Okmulgee District Rep. Tony Hale of Okmulgee, medicine man David Lewis Jr. of Yardeka and Hughes-Seminole District Rep. Thomas Yahola of Wetumka.

With an increased tribal enrollment of more than 32,000, the National Council will have 31 representatives to begin the 1992-93 legislative session.

Okmulgee and Tulsa, already with five representatives each, will add another to its Council delegation, making six members each.

Perhaps one of the biggest surprises in the Council races is Cox's challenge of incumbent Charlie Litsey for the Okmulgee District-C seat.

Cox, 78, had announced his retirement earlier this year. Cox said he entered the race because he wanted to be a part of the next Council to assist the elected chief's transition to power.

Litsey filed the only protest of the 1991 campaign. He objected to Cox's candidacy before the tribal election board. Litsey produced the chief's paid homestead tax exemption records with Oklahoma for property Cox owns near Bristow.

The election board ruled against Litsey. The board determined that the election code does not use homestead exemption as a basis for residency.

Litsey has taken the matter to the tribal Supreme Court. The case will be heard Oct. 16 in the tribal

court room.

Thirteen members of the 1990-91 Council drew no opponents and will return for another term. By district, those candidates are:

-- Creek: Mose Cahwee  
-- McIntosh: Tommy Newton  
-- Muskogee: Helen Chupco and Harley Little  
-- Okfuskee: Mae Jackson and Clyde "Press" Johnson  
-- Okmulgee: George Almerigi, Thomas Berryhill and Harvey Gilroy  
-- Tulsa: Larry Bible, Irene Cleghorn and Jerry Wilson

-- Wagoner: Richard "Mike" Berryhill.

Creek District-B candidate Roy Bear is declared a winner since he drew no opponent. Though not an incumbent, Bear was a member of the Council as late as 1989.

Seventeen of the seats will be contested with two incumbents, drawing two opponents each.

The current political season began in full in July after the all six of the chief candidates announced their intentions.

Soon after, the tribal towns center in Okemah was the site of a chief and second chief forum that drew an estimated 70 to 80 people.

There are 17 polling precincts within the Creek Nation boundaries. McIntosh District has precincts at Ryal, Hanna, Eufaula and Checotah. See Page 1 for a complete map of the polling places.

## Judicial

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been included in the fiscal year 1992 budget ordinance package; and

-- voiced objections to a letter from Cox to the employers of Chief Justice Joe Johnson, Justice Mike Flud and Moore. All three are either state or municipal employees. The letters asked if it was legal to work for the state and hold a tribal commission.

There were no objections.

Robert Henry, the former state attorney general, wrote an opinion that holding tribal commissions was not a violation of state law because of the tribe's sovereign status.

Flud said the letters were unnecessary.

"Chief nominated us all (to the court)," Flud said. "I assume he would know a bit about the law in this case."

Cox said after the meeting that the letters were sent because he was unsure if there had been any changes in the law.

"I didn't send a letter for anyone else because the law sees elected officials are different from commissioned appointees."

## Loan

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the loan were taken from the accounts of the Okemah Clinic, emergency medical services, alcoholism, health and education and \$59,119 from the hospital.

Crow said the board considered several options before deciding to repay the loan.

"We considered the costs of seeking extensions, attorney fees and other factors. We looked at the situation and decided it was best."

During the August hearing, Crow testified that the operation of the Creek Nation Community Hospital would be jeopardized if forced to pay the entire balance due the administration in a lump sum.

But Crow said later that no programs or services would be cut and that all of the facilities will remain open.

"We're glad about that," Crow said.

"We're going to be tight. We have to watch our spending but the money is there."

Cox said he was glad to have the money returned.

"Even though we lost about \$25,000 in interest and had to go to court, I'm sure glad it's settled," Cox.



# Eho'le (Frost Month) November

Net'tv-ca'ko SUNDAY	Mv'nte MONDAY	Tu'ste TUESDAY	Net'tvca'kuce-en nvrkvp'v WEDNESDAY	Rv'ste THURSDAY	Fli'te FRIDAY	Nettv-ca'ko-cu'se SATURDAY
<div> <div>■ Listed by date and time are chartered community meetings</div> </div>	<div>Don't forget the general election Dec. 7</div>				1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Kellyville, 7 p.m. Muskogee, 7:30 p.m. Wetumka, 7 p.m.	Tulsa, 6:30 p.m. Okla. City, 7 p.m. Okfuskee, 7 p.m.		Okemah, 7 p.m.		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Council Oak ceremony, Tulsa	Sapulpa, 7 p.m. Hanna, 7 p.m. Okmulgee, 7 p.m. Beggs, 7 p.m.	Checotah, 6 p.m. Glenpool, 6:30 p.m.				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Bristow, 7 p.m. Holdenville, 7 p.m. Wilson, 7 p.m. Koweta, 7:30 p.m.			Okemah, 7 p.m.		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Yardeka, 7:30 p.m.	Weleetka, 7 p.m.	Duck Creek, 7 p.m.		Thanksgiving Eufaula, 7 p.m.		

MNN October deadline: Oct. 18

## Commodity distribution

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Commodity Program makes stops at 12 Indian community centers monthly.

Distribution sites include:

Hanna	Second Tuesday
Coweta	First and third Tuesday
Eufaula	First and third Thursday
Okemah	First and third Wednesday
Holdenville	First and third Tuesday
Weleetka	Fourth Tuesday
Wetumka	Second Thursday
Checotah	Second and fourth Thursday
Dewar	Second and fourth Wednesday
Glenpool	First and third Wednesday
*Bristow	First and third Thursday
**Kellyville	First and third Thursday

Times: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\* 9 a.m.-noon.

\*\* 1 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information or an application contact the: Commodity Food Distribution Program, Creek Nation Complex, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447, or phone (918) 756-3467.

## Tribal phone numbers

### Creek Nation Administration

P.O. Box 580  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 756-8700  
Fax: (918) 756-3340.

### Departments/Extensions

Principal Chief  
Claude Cox 200  
Tribal Affairs  
Buddy York 270  
Human Development  
Emanuel Morgan 350

### National Council

Speaker: Ken Childers  
P.O. Box 158  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 758-1410, 1415, 1416.

### Children & Family Services

313 W. Eighth  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 756-2112.

### Judicial Branch

P.O. Box 652  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 758-1400 or 1412.

### Creek Nation Housing Authority

P.O. Box 297  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
Phone: (918) 756-8504  
Fax: (918) 756-9218

### Commodity Warehouse

Manager: Charley LaSarge  
1008 Eufaula Street  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 756-2917, 3467 or 3002.

### Creek Nation Health Care System

Creek Nation Community Hospital, Okemah  
(918) 623-1424  
Okmulgee Dental Clinic  
(918) 756-8700, Ext. 247, 254  
Creek Nation Community Hospital Clinic, Okemah  
(918) 623-0555  
Sapulpa Indian Health Clinic  
(918) 224-9310  
Eufaula Indian Health Clinic  
(918) 689-2547





# Muscogee Nation Election '91

Special Insert

P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447

12 Pages

## EXECUTIVE OFFICE

### Principal Chief

Jackson Barnett (Okemah)  
Perry Beaver (Jenks)  
Kenneth Childers (Glenpool)  
Billy Fife (Weleetka)  
Ed Porter Frye (Bristow)  
Jimmy ``Bunny'' Hill (Eufaula)

### Second Chief

Shelly Stubbs Crow (Tulsa)  
Anthony Hale (Okmulgee)  
David Lewis Jr. (Ryal community)  
Thomas Yahola (Wetumka)



## SPECIAL SECTION

Featured in this section are backgrounds and platforms of the men and women who will be running for Muscogee (Creek) Nation political office.

Candidates submitted the information to *The Muscogee Nation News* during the Sept. 16-18 filing period.

This information is for you to make an educated decision in the Oct. 26 election.

## LEGISLATIVE SEAT

### Creek District

#### Seat A

Earl Wheeler, incumbent (Bristow)  
Ellis Haikey (Bristow)

#### Seat B

Roy Bear, unopposed (Sapulpa)

#### Seat C

Clarence Cloud, incumbent (Bristow)  
Gregory Bigpond (Sapulpa)

#### Seat D

Mose Cawhee, unopposed (Sapulpa)

### Hughes-Seminole District

#### Seat A

Cora Ann Beaver (Holdenville)  
Dwayne Lowe (Wetumka)

#### Seat B

Johnson Buck, incumbent (Holdenville)  
Charlie Franks (Holdenville)

#### Seat C

Robert Buck, incumbent (Holdenville)  
Darrell Coachman (Wetumka)

### McIntosh District

#### Seat A

Tommy Newton, unopposed incumbent (Eufaula)

#### Seat B

Frank Kamp, incumbent (Eufaula)  
Wilson Bear (Checotah)

#### Seat C

Sandy McIntosh, incumbent (Eufaula)

Vernon Courtwright (Onapa)

Daniel Harjo (Hanna)

#### Seat D

Tommy Pickering, incumbent (Eufaula)  
Twanna Sue Phillips Deere (Eufaula)

### Muskogee District

#### Seat A

Helen Chupco, unopposed incumbent (Muskogee)

#### Seat B

Harley Little, unopposed incumbent (Muskogee)

### Okfuskee District

#### Seat A

Clyde Johnson, unopposed incumbent (Okemah)

#### Seat B

Eugene Birdcreek, incumbent (Weleetka)  
Bill Burden (Weleetka)

#### Seat C

Hepsie Mae Jackson, unopposed incumbent (Okemah)

#### Seat D

Billy Ray Williams (Weleetka)  
Wynema Roberts (Okemah)

### Okmulgee District

#### Seat A

Harvey Gilroy, unopposed incumbent (Henryetta)

#### Seat B

Thomas Berryhill, unopposed incumbent (Okmulgee)

#### Seat C

Charley Litsey, incumbent (Okmulgee)  
Claude Cox (Okmulgee)

#### Seat D

George Almerigi, unopposed incumbent (Schulter)

#### Seat E

Robert ``Bill'' Jones (Morris)

George Tiger (Morris)

#### Seat F

A.D. Ellis (Beggs)  
James Hale (Okmulgee)

### Tulsa District

#### Seat A

Larry Bible, unopposed incumbent (Glenpool)

#### Seat B

Irene Cleghorn, unopposed incumbent (Tulsa)

#### Seat C

Don Cawhee (Glenpool)  
Richard Wilde (Broken Arrow)

#### Seat D

Jerry Wilson, unopposed incumbent (Glenpool)

#### Seat E

Pam Snyder-Osmus (Sand Springs)  
Loretta Pat Kelly (Tulsa)

#### Seat F

Donna Rhodes, incumbent (Glenpool)  
Patricia Clark (Glenpool)  
Okema Boudinot Randall (Broken Arrow)

### Wagoner District

#### Seat A

Richard Berryhill, unopposed incumbent (Coweta)

#### Seat B

Helen Duncan, incumbent (Coweta)  
Alexander Thomas (Coweta)





### Principal Chief

Name: Jackson Barnett. Age: 55.

Spouse's name: none

Children: Jackson Jr., Timothy R., Brandon E., Bradley S.

Parents: Rhoda Cato Barnett, Toney Barnett both of Eufaula.

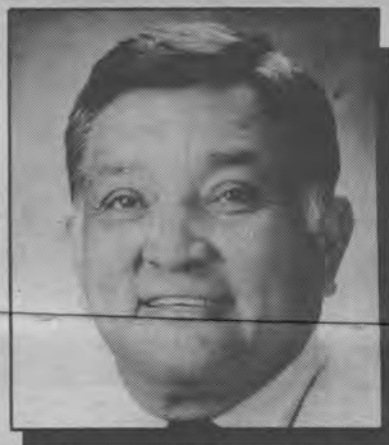
Clan: Bird.

Tribal Town: Nuyaka.

Church: I attend many Indian churches.

**Political/professional experience:** principal, Miccosukee Indian High School, Florida; Board Chair Oklahoma City Muscogee Creek Association; faculty member, South Oklahoma City Junior College; adult education teacher, Oklahoma City Public Schools.

**Reason for seeking office:** 1) To take a different direction from the last 20 years; 2) Since approximately 50 percent of our people speak or understand our language, communication is very important. I can and will speak both English and Mvskoke so that all our people will be heard and will know what goes on in our nation. I will stress communication from the top of the administration to the people, no matter where they may live; 3) I will have an open-door policy. Let anyone come and speak to me in the language he/she feels comfortable with; 4) I will be visible to my people. I will go and associate with the Muscogee people in many activities no matter what the affiliation.



### Principal Chief

Name: Robert Perry Beaver. Age: 52.

Spouse's name: Marian Bruner.

Children: Brant, Brent, Robin and Vince.

Parents: John and Della Fox Beaver, deceased.

Clan: Deer.

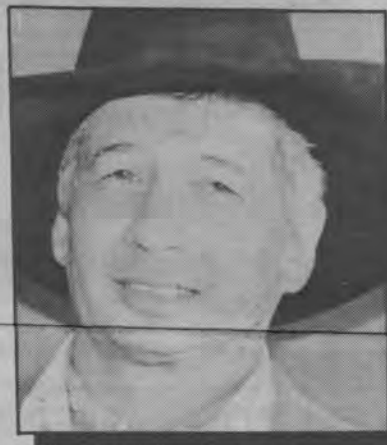
Ground: Weogufkee.

Tribal Town: Weogufkee.

Church: Big Cussetah Methodist.

**Political/professional experience:** B.S. education, University of Oklahoma; M.S. education, Northeastern State University; Second Chief, Muscogee (Creek) Nation; 1983-85 Tulsa District Council representative; Indian Education Program director, Jenks; Oklahoma Coaches Hall of Fame; Trustee, Bacone College; Big Cussetah administrative board; Northeast Oklahoma Indian Methodist Conference; Tulsa World football coach of the year, twice; Oklahoma Education Association; Elks Lodge; ad hoc committee member for American Indian Cultural and Heritage Museum Center.

**Reason for seeking office:** Creek Nation must take a positive approach preparing for the 21st century. All branches of government must unite so maximum benefits can be brought to Creek people. My area of concerns: education, health, sovereignty, preservation of traditions, culture and economic development. Education is the key. I will expand education services, making opportunities accessible for our Creek citizens. We must continue forging the tools of citizens to use in attaining education or a marketable skill. The fight for sovereignty must continue. Health care services for elders is a top priority. Expansion of community health care is imperative to meet the needs of Creeks. We cannot afford to let our traditions, culture and language be forgotten. Our forefathers paid the ultimate price to ensure what they held sacred continue for the next generation. We must aggressively seek ways to bring job opportunities to our citizens and a network for citizens who live outside tribal boundaries.



### Principal Chief

Name: Kenneth L. Childers. Age: 51.

Spouse's name: Billie Bible Childers.

Children: Kenny, Jana Rae, Joanie and Kristen.

Parents: Mose Childers and Violet Williams Childers Freeman.

Clan: Potato.

Ground: attend many grounds, usually in northern Creek Nation.

Tribal Town: Locvpokv (Tulsa).

Church: attend Baptist and Methodist Indian churches.

**Political/professional experience:** 3 years president, Koweta Indian Community; 2-term Wagoner District Council representative; 3-term Tulsa District Council representative; 1 term Council second speaker; 4 terms Council Speaker; All-Indian Rodeo Association of Oklahoma; U.S. Navy; member, Tulsa Mayor's Indian Affairs Commission; 15 years Indian education coordinator, Coweta; recipient of 1989 Indian Education Showcase Project; Special Contribution to Indian Education, 1990; White House Conference on Indian Education, 1991.

**Reason for seeking office:** Moving the Creek Nation forward will require a strong principal chief, working in partnership with the elected Council and all Creek citizens. My ten years experience on the National Council and eight years as speaker equips me with the knowledge to effectively administer the affairs of the principal chief. Expansion of our educational efforts, creation of meaningful jobs and establishing long-term health care for our elder citizens must be accomplished. I will bring to the office of principal chief: dedication, experience, commitment, integrity and hard work to foster stronger relations with all Creek citizens. I will establish an annual meeting in conjunction with the Creek Festival to deliver a state of the nation address. We must have an opportunity for individual input to the future of our tribe. With an open administration and hard work, progress and harmony will prevail.



### Principal Chief

Name: Billy Sunday Fife. Age: 49.

Spouse's name: Mary Nell Fife.

Children: Jeffrey Scot and Cinda Lynn.

Parents: James and Carmen Fife.

Clan: Raccoon.

Tribal Town: Tuckabatche.

Church: Thlewarle Baptist Church.

**Political/professional experience:** employment, U.S. Postal Service, 1985 to present; union shop steward, Local 1299; Okfuskee District Council representative, two terms; Creek Nation adult education teacher, 1 year; Creek Nation tribal affairs director, 1974-83; contracts/grants administration, proposal writing, federal tribal reporting requirements, tribal planning and development testimony on behalf of the Creek Nation to U.S. Congressional committees. Certificate for tribal leadership development, personnel management, economic development planning, budgeting, accounting and evaluating federal programs.

**Reason for seeking office:** I want to develop a strong executive branch that can work for the Creek people. To be an effective government, we must be aware of our citizens' needs and we must continually plan for our nation's future needs.

Education is a tribal priority and we must improve educational opportunities for all Creeks. Every effort must be made to preserve Creek/Yuchi culture, history and language.

Funding for health care must be increased, and we must expand and improve the health services now provided. All housing programs should be under the jurisdiction of the tribal government. We must assist home-owners to re-establish trust status of their property. Economic development must be systematically planned and developed. We must expand tribal services in all areas and improve on the delivery of services.

As principal chief, I will strengthen the management and administration of the executive branch, restore programmatic and financial accountability and implement fair and reasonable policy for tribal endeavors.





### Principal Chief

**Name:** Ed Porter Frye. **Age:** 57.  
**Spouse's name:** none.

**Children:** John Porter Frye, Lucinda Frye Zapp, Ed Porter Frye II.

**Parents:** Lucinda Allen Johnson, grandmother; Masel Tiger Frye, mother.

**Church:** Catholic.

**Political/professional experience:** 4 years, Creek District representative; 3 years, Council's Business/Governmental Services Committee chair; 2 years, vice-chair, Fact Finding Committee; 1 year, Human Development Committee member; 2 years, Upper Rail Belt School District chair; 10 years, Anderson Village School Board president; Precinct chair, district chair, member of state central committee; delegate to state and national Republican conventions; Licenses: 2nd Class radio-telephone, real estate, private pilot. Vo-tech teachers certificate; 3 years, U.S. Marine Corps; 30 years, telecommunication field.

**Reason for seeking office:** Creek Nation is stagnant. Creek Nation has been standing still the past few years, while other tribes have moved ahead. Creek Nation has failed to provide for Creek citizens. Creek Nation has become a local empire consisting of a number of little empires. These empires divide the money of Creek Nation amongst themselves and fail to aid the Creek citizens. Only 10-15 percent of a \$13 million tribal budget goes for client services. Creek Nation is big business. It should be run as a business. We need long- and short-range planning. Creek Nation is top heavy in management. It needs to be restructured and employees need to realize they are employed to provide services to citizens and treat citizens with the dignity and respect to which they're entitled. We must recognize tribal town leaders and ceremonial ground chiefs on a government-to-government basis just as we should work with federal and state government the same way.



### Principal Chief

**Name:** Jimmy ``Bunny'' Hill. **Age:** 41.

**Spouse's name:** Ella M. Bruner Hill.

**Children:** Sandra, Vanessa and JoMekko.

**Parents:** Jesse Hill, Okemah and Medella Colbert Hill, Eufaula.

**Clan:** fuswv (bird).

**Tribal Town:** Koweta.

**Church:** Yardeka Indian Baptist Church.

**Political/professional experience:** Creek Nation community research/development; CN health educator; social services manager; BIA contract and grants specialist; tribal operations; BIA vocational development officer; BIA land operations officer; Utah office of technical assistance and training; curriculum development specialist; teaching and coaching 8 years at Haskell Indian Junior College, Kickapoo Indian School and Phoenix Indian High School, M.S. education, B.S. education, A.A. education, business administration studies.

**Reason for seeking office:** The Creek Nation is entering another era. The destiny of Creeks is at a critical stage in history. More truth with tangible goals must be established to exercise our sovereignty, to maintain and preserve tribal integrity and to widen our base of tribal government. Every group within must be heard and provided the opportunity to shape our confederation. With the pressure of modern society, we must be able to compete and respond to the challenges and yet maintain our identity. We must respond to the needs to our elders as they have led the way to encourage the middle-aged to reach for excellence and be able to pave the way for our children. We must approach our problems of health and education with greater intensity providing for Creeks everywhere. Economic diversification is a must for more jobs and services. Together we are strong, and with God's help we will stand.



### Second Chief

**Name:** Shelly Stubbs Crow. **Age:** 43.

**Spouse's name:** John L. Crow.

**Children:** Leslie (16), John (13).

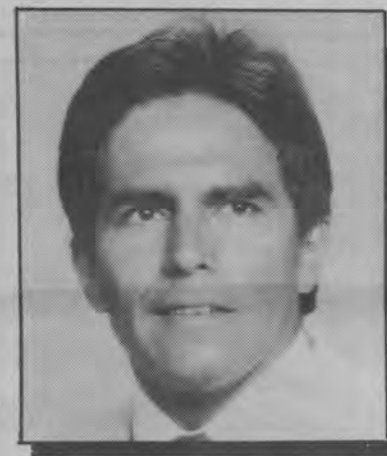
**Parents and grandparents:** Doretha Beaver Stubbs-Vincent and the late E.W. Stubbs. Joe Motty and Gretchen Beaver.

**Clan:** Racoon.

**Tribal Town:** Tuckabatchee.

**Political/professional experience:** Extensive experience working with the Muscogee National Council and judicial branch, public (Indian Health Service Centers for Disease Control) and private (Robert Woods Johnson, Kellogg) grants and federal government contracting (IHS). Current chair of the Creek Nation Health System and Tulsa Creek Indian Community. Employed by the University of Tulsa as a nursing instructor.

**Reason for seeking office:** As a second chief, I pledge to be a positive, visible force in tribal government. I will be active, accessible and serve as an advocate for the collective and individual interests of the Muscogee people, no matter who they are or where they live. I plan to serve as an advisor to the principal chief, provide leadership by initiating action on important issues and work to improve tribal image with key corporate and federal, state and local government entities. Even though this is a part-time position, the Muscogee people deserve their money's worth -- I will give full value and 110 percent effort.



### Second Chief

**Name:** Anthony ``Tony'' W. Hale. **Age:** 31.

**Spouse's name:** Debbie Lunsford Hale.

**Children:** Tony Jr. (13), Mark (10).

**Parents and grandparents:** Brent and Bernice Harjo Hale. Bennie Lewis Harjo and Lonie Givens Harjo Lowe.

**Clan:** Deer.

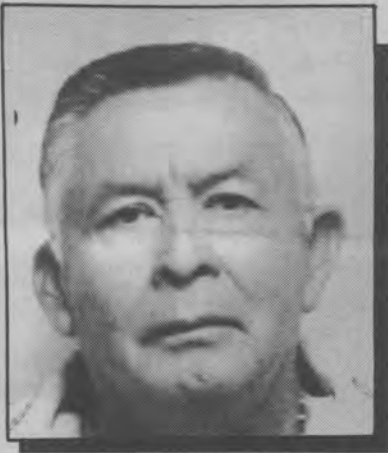
**Tribal Town:** Tuckabatchee.

**Church:** Crosstown Church-Okmulgee.

**Political/professional experience:** Okmulgee District representative (two terms), business and governmental services committee and vice-chair of Creek Nation Housing Authority from 1982 through 1985. Okmulgee Board of Education member, former board of education president. Co-founder and president of Okmulgee Junior Football Association Inc.; Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce member. Former member of the Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee Advisory Committee to Automotive Technology Department. Owner of Hale Automotive, established in 1985.

**Reason for seeking office:** The foundation has been laid. How will we build upon it? Who will we elect to do it? These questions must be answered. I am seeking the office of second chief because I believe to have a successful administration we must have communication, trust and cooperation. We must elect leaders who possess a vision for success. As a tribe we have accomplished many goals and have set the standard by which other tribes have followed. It is true, we have had our share of problems, but the success far outweighs the problems. We must elect leaders who will use wisdom and be careful how they build on the foundation. As second chief I will always be ready to assume the responsibility of the principal chief if the need arises. As we enter this new era of Creek government let's work together for the good of all Creek people. Mvto.





### Second Chief

**Name:** David B. Lewis Jr. Age: 57.

**Spouse's name:** Lillie Mae Lewis.

**Children:** Ronnie, Richard, Diane and Sharon.

**Parent, grandparent and great-grandparent:** Rev. David B. Lewis, Jeanetta Jacobs and Jackson Lewis.

**Clan:** Bird.

**Ground:** Hickory Ground.

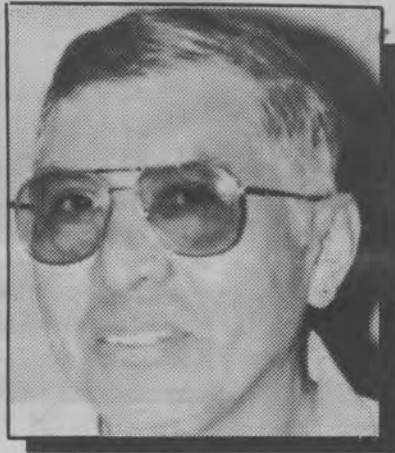
**Tribal Town:** Same.

**Church:** West Eufaula.

**Political/professional experience:**

I was born into my profession -- traditional medicine. I speak Mvskoke fluently and was raised to respect the wisdom of our trusted elders. I am a veteran of the Korean Conflict and received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Corps. Assistant director to the Alcohol and Drug Center; shop foreman at Bell Helicopter, Arlington, Texas; leadman for Putoma Corp., Fort Worth. I obtained my associates degree from Connors State College and a bachelor of arts degree from East Central University.

**Reason for seeking office:** I want to provide an elderly care center in an Indian setting. We cannot survive solely on bingo and tobacco tax revenues. I will promote innovative and practical economic development. Education services must be improved and should include programs that integrate tribal awareness in our young. The second chief can be a positive influence; I will affect a positive change that is vital for our government to survive. As a medicine man, I have been involved with the water and sewer projects for ceremonial grounds and churches. I will continue developing this program. I will work hard for the coming change and betterment of tribal government. I want to establish and reinforce confidence and trust in our government for the people. The future of the tribe depends on the ability of our leaders to make decisions based on the traditional values of honesty, fairness and genuine concern for our people. Mvto.



### Second Chief

**Name:** Thomas Yahola. Age: 52.

**Parents:** Bertha and the late Lyman Yahola.

**Clan:** Deer.

**Ground:** Tallahassee.

**Tribal Town:** Thlopthlocco.

**Church:** Montesoma.

**Political/professional experience:**

Representative to the National Council from the Tuckabatchee (Hughes-Seminole) District, one term. Introduced three bills, Wetumka smoke-shop, Holdenville Bingo facility, redesignation from Hughes-Seminole to Tuckabatchee District and co-sponsored the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Association bill to replace water facility lines. All bills have become ordinances. I have been supportive of other legislation to benefit the citizens. Have been present for the entirety of all National Council meetings.

**Reason for seeking office:** To support and assist the principal chief and being prepared to assume leadership if necessary. To uphold the constitution and abide by governing ordinances. To establish rapport among the legislative and judicial branches, communities, tribal towns and all tribal citizens. To be innovative and promote tribal and citizen self-sufficiency through education and economic development. To be a visible and working second chief, worthy of your representation.

# Council races

### Creek District-A

**Name:** Ellis ``Jack'' Haikey. Age: 48.

**Spouse's name:**

Gladys.

**Children:** Ellis (13), Christopher (13).

**Parents:** The late Ellis and Nettie Haikey.

**Church:** Haikey Chapel and Choska.

**Political/professional**

**experience:** Assistant Scoutmaster, Bristow; editor of Indian newspaper, eight years;

and University of California at Los Angeles Student Representative to Indian Center Board of Directors.

**Reason for seeking office:** To insure that our children will have a Creek legacy that can provide for its citizens old and young. I would like to see the tribe grow to new heights under fresh, new leadership. Mvto.



### Creek District-A

**Name:** Earl W. Wheeler. Age: 37.

**Children:** Kim D.

Stewart, Kevin, Jeremiah and Madison.

**Parents:** Wysena Madison Bucktrot, Annie Brown.

**Clan:** Deer.

**Ground:** Sandcreek (Ironpost).

**Tribal Town:** Same.

**Church:** Mutteloke.

**Political/professional**

**experience:** Bristow

Indian Community Chair, four years; National Council, one term; Johnson O'Malley and Title V Indian Education, six years; U.S. Air Force, four years; and lay leader, two years.

**Reason for seeking office:** I will continue to support economic growth along with an increase in educational assistance as well as support elderly programs such as medical health. There are many other concerns I have for the future of the nation. I believe in order to have greater security and maintain our sovereignty as a nation it will require a balance of working in unity and wisdom from above. I ask that your prayers and vote be with me on Oct. 26, 1991. Thank you.





### Creek District-B

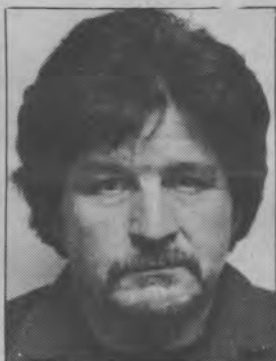
**Name:** Roy Bear. **Age:** 50.

**Children:** Sonny Ray.

**Parents:** The late Roley and Kitty Bear.

**Political/professional experience:** Council representative, one term.

**Reason for seeking office:** I am seeking office to try and help the Creek people. I will especially try and get more help for the young and elderly. I will also try to bring more unity within the Creek people. I would like to thank Chief Cox, the Council and the people I have worked with in the past.



### Creek District-B

**Name:** Gregory Gene Bigpond. **Age:** 44.

**Spouse's name:** Linda.

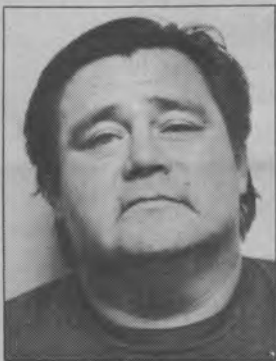
**Children:** Lilly (20), Amy (13), Jennifer (6) and Norma (4).

**Parents:** Lilly Cox and the Rev. Roy "J" Bigpond.

**Church:** Pickett Chapel.

**Political/professional experience:** Sapulpa Indian Community Executive Board Member. Currently employed by Oklahoma Gas and Electric as a lead lineman.

**Reason for seeking office:** I see a need for better communication between the council and the chief. When poor communication develops, it affects the benefits of the Creek people. Money is getting tighter and the Creek people need good leadership to benefit from every dollar spent. Care for our elderly and education for our youth is essential.



### Creek District-C

**Name:** Clarence R. Cloud. **Age:** 71.

**Spouse's name:** Lou.

**Children:** Rodney, Mark and Kim.

**Parents or grandparents:** David and Minnie Scott Cloud.

**Church:** Motteloke.

**Political/professional experience:** Council representative, four terms; Creek Nation Housing Authority Board member, two years; and Muskogee County Indian Credit Board member, eight years.

**Reason for seeking office:** Re-elect me to the council and I will continue to serve you honestly and with compassion. The oath of office says the Council person will promote the health education and welfare of the Creek citizens. I take the oath of office very serious because I care about my people. I need your vote. Mvto.



### Creek District-D

**Name:** Mose Cahwee. **Age:** 73.

**Spouse's name:** Thelma.

**Children:** 7.

**Parents:** Rev. E.K. Cahwee and Eliza Taylor George.

**Clan:** Deer.

**Ground:** Yuchi.

**Tribal Town:** Yuchi.

**Church:** Pickett Chapel United States.

**Political/professional experience:** 7 years, Sapulpa Indian Education chair; 2 years Community Action Program; 14 years, Sapulpa Indian Community chair; 2 years, Sapulpa Human Rights Commission chair; 7 years, church historian Pickett Chapel; 2 years, Methodist Men's Organization, chair.

**Reason for seeking office:** My first term as Council member has given me the insight of how the Council promotes projects with Creek Nation. I have gained much experience. I am very much interested in the senior citizens and their needs. There is so much we need to do for our elderly Creek and Yuchis. I am very much interested in our youth and their education. I am interested in our Yuchi, Creek and all Indian people.



### Hughes-Seminole District-A

**Name:** Cora Ann Beaver. **Age:** None given.

**Children:** Vicky, Zack.

**Parents:** Nancy Harjo Beaver.

**Clan:** Oktahochee.

**Ground:** Tuckabatchee.

**Tribal Town:** Same.

**Church:** Salt Creek.

**Political/professional experience:** Currently employed with Comp Oil Co., Holdenville; Previously employed with the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, 17 years. Considerable experience in Native American community offices and also service to the Denver Public School's Advisory Committee.

**Reason for seeking office:** To meet needs of elderly and address multiple community problems relative to youth, health care and unfair employment practices in many municipal areas.



### Hughes-Seminole District-A

**Name:** Dwayne Lowe. **Age:** 38.

**Spouse's name:** Janice.

**Children:** Dawn 17, Leslie, 16, Stephanie, 11, Angela, 12, Pacer 5.

**Parents:** George Lowe, late Esther Cain.

**Clan:** Sweet Potato.

**Tribal Town:** Tuckabatchee.

**Ground:** Tuckabatchee.

**Church:** Yeager Mission Methodist.

**Political/professional experience:** Creek Nation JTPA Job Developer 2.5 years, Oklahoma Department of Human Services social worker 10 years.

**Reason for seeking office:** Having been employed as a social worker for the past 10 years, I see a need to educate or train our young people by increasing educational opportunities, putting our people to work by improving economic development and assisting our elderly with expenses and better health care. I will work hard to accomplish this.





## Hughes-Seminole District-B

**Name:** Johnson Buck.  
**Age:** 50.

**Spouse's name:** Connie Laverne.

**Children:** Three daughters and two sons.

**Parents:** The late Nathan and Alice McCosar.

**Clan:** Bird.

**Political/professional experience:** I have served on the Council for



the past six years. I am a commercial refrigeration contractor and have been in this vocation 28 years, including

two years of training at Oklahoma State University Technical Branch at Okmulgee.

**Reason for seeking office:** I seek this office to continue to serve our Creek citizens so that all citizens will benefit from economic development. I would work to upgrade our health services, higher education and the general welfare of our people. I ask for and thank all voters in the Hughes-Seminole District for their support.

## Hughes-Seminole District-B

**Name:** Charlie Franks.  
**Age:** 49.

**Spouse's name:** Susanna Lowe Franks.

**Children:** Christopher, Ronald, Norman and Danielle.

**Parents:** Emma and the late Taylor Franks.

**Church:** Yeager Methodist.

**Political/professional experience:** Former



president of the Holdenville Indian Community Center; minister for three years; Oklahoma Indian Methodist Conference 1.5 years; associate's degree business administration, SMU.

**Reason for seeking office:** I will make all efforts to be available to serve. Arrangements will be made to set up an office in a convenient location, setting up a schedule for home visitations to the homebound and attending monthly community meetings. I believe there are existing programs which need improvement and problem areas which still need to be addressed and I strongly believe the solution lies in working together as Council members.

## Hughes-Seminole District-C

**Name:** Robert E. Buck. **Age:** 52.

**Spouse's name:** Judy.

**Children:** Alice, Greta,

Otis and Georgia.

**Parents:** Nathan and

Alice McCosar Buck.

**Clan:** Bird.

**Church:** Wewoka

Nazarene Church.

**Political/professional**

**experience:** Current Holdenville School Board member; Council, three terms; and hairstylist, 30 years.



**Reason for seeking office:** I have concerns for the Muscogee (Creek) citizens in the education, health and welfare areas. I will always speak out for our people on these three issues because they are needed badly. I also would like to see the tribe pursue other economic development besides gaming.

## Hughes-Seminole District-C

**Name:** Darrell Coachman. **Age:** 42.

**Spouse's name:** Sherry LaDean Coachman.

**Children:** Amy.

**Clan:** Sweet Potato.

**Parents:** Late Albert and Abbie Coachman.

**Tribal Town:** Tuckabatche.

**Ground:** Tuckabatche.

**Church:** Wetumka Indian Baptist.



**Political/professional experience:** Charter member of the Wetumka Indian Community; served two terms as vice-chair; served as interim youth activity director; numerous years sports activity director; 11 years, volunteer worker community bingo.

**Reason for seeking office:** To give representation and a voice in our tribal government back to the people. To assist and meet the needs of the people. To serve with honor and dignity, to be fair and impartial to all.

## McIntosh District-A

**Name:** Tommy Newton. **Age:** 24.

**Parents:** Charlene Fox Newton.

**Clan:** Tiger.

**Tribal Town:** Alabama.

**Church:** Deep Fork Hillabee.

**Political/professional**

**experience:** Served on National Council for the last two terms from McIntosh District.



**Reason for seeking office:** Continue to promote the welfare of our Indian people throughout the McIntosh District. I feel that I have represented our Indian communities very well this past year and in prior years.

## McIntosh District-B

**Name:** Wilson Bear. **Age:** 48.

**Children:** Kim Bear and Tamara Frazier.

**Parents:** Turner Bear and Emily Bear.

**Clan:** Bear.

**Tribal Town:** Eufaula-Canadian.

**Ground:** Eufaulagee.

**Church:** Protestant.

**Political/professional**

**experience:** Past 10

years has been mostly

welding and law enforcement.

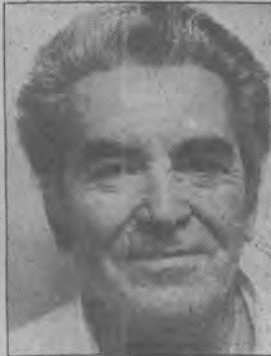


**Reason for seeking office:** I am interested in seeing the Creek Nation have bigger and better benefits for the elderly as well as the young. In my opinion, the Creek Nation needs to be a whole nation and not a divided nation.



### McIntosh District-B

**Name:** Frank Kamp.  
**Age:** 58.  
**Children:** Beverly, LaDonna, Robert.  
**Parents:** Leah Billings.  
**Tribal Town:** Quassarte.



**Political/professional experience:** 6 years on National Council; 6 years on business and governmental services committee; 4 years chair of the fact-finding and investigative committee and one year ad hoc committee; 1 year as a member of the judicial branch codification committee which is made up of attorneys and judges of the nation's district and Supreme court.

**Reason for seeking office:** To continue to provide full-time representation for the Creek citizens of McIntosh District.

### McIntosh District-C

**Name:** Vern Courtwright. **Age:** 42.  
**Spouse's name:** Kathy.  
**Children:** Rita 16.

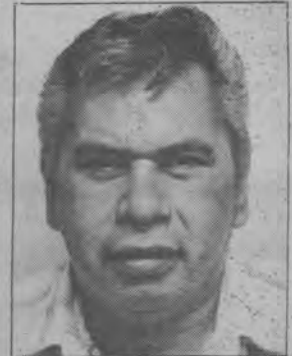


**Political/professional experience:** Vietnam Era Veteran; volunteer firefighter; medical emergency first responder; BIA mid-level administrative manager; entrepreneur, knowledge and expertise to run a business or program.

**Reason for seeking office:** I've talked to lots of people about how things have been going at Okmulgee. Nearly everyone feels the way I do: the in-fighting and lawsuits have got to stop before any progress can be made. We are all Muscogee (Creek) people and should work together instead of against each other. I will promote this attitude and attempt to mediate any differences whenever possible. I can help our people but need your support. Thanks.

### McIntosh District-C

**Name:** Daniel Harjo.  
**Age:** 43.  
**Spouse's name:** Lucy Harjo.



**Children (Ages):** Steven and Ricky.  
**Parents:** late Jack Harjo and Nancy Harjo.  
**Clan:** Alligator.  
**Tribal Town:** Hillabee.

**Ground:** Hillabee.  
**Political/professional experience:** manager, Hanna Indian Community.

**Reason for seeking office:** I see a need for more and better jobs, better health care, housing; provide for the elderly, improve educational opportunities for our people. With this in mind, I am willing to work hard with the people, Council members and Creek Nation Administration to achieve our goals.

### McIntosh District-C

**Name:** Sandy McIntosh. **Age:** Senior citizen.

**Spouse's name:** Louise.

**Children:** Abe, Lynda, Sandy and Tammy.

**Parents:** deceased Thomas McIntosh and Susan Island.

**Clan:** Bear. **Tribal Town:** Koweta.

**Ground:** Koweta.

**Church:** Big Arbor Baptist.

**Political/professional experience:** McIntosh District representative for 9 years; chair of the tribal affairs committee; serve on the fact-finding committee; member of the Muscogee Indian Credit Association; and vice-president of the Stidham School Board.

**Reason for seeking office:** We have made many accomplishments during the last nine years. The records speak for themselves. However, we should look to the future of our tribe and the coming generations. We must continue to build a strong foundation for our children through education and provide for our elderly through nutrition and health care. I will work to secure a good and productive life for our people. I am retired and will devote my time and energy to this cause.



### McIntosh District-D

**Name:** Twana Sue Phillips Deere. **Age:** 40.

**Spouse's name:** Daniel Deere,

**Children:** Michael, 19, Michelle, 16, Daniel Jr., 12, Shawna 9.

**Parents:** The Rev. Dan Jr. and Mina Phillips, the Rev. Daniel Sr. and Mandy Phillips (paternal), Legus and Jeanetty Harjo (maternal).



**Church:** Little Coweta Indian Baptist Church.

**Political/professional experience:** Served 2 years as board member and presently serving as vice-chair of the Eufaula Indian Community; Stidham School Board of Education; 14 years experience in health services government service with BIA and IHS.

**Reason for seeking office:** Will promote economic development for the Creek Nation and provide assistance to the Indian communities. Support issues concerning the health and welfare of the elderly Creek citizens. Support drug awareness for the youth. Strive for unity within the tribe for the betterment of all Creek citizens. Support more funding for education and/or technical training.

### McIntosh District-D

**Name:** Tommy Pickering. **Age:** 35.

**Spouse's name:** Judith,  
**Children:** Sheridan 15, Judd 10.

**Parents:** James and Edna Pickering, Sapulpa.

**Church:** West Eufaula Indian Baptist.

**Political/professional experience:** I am currently serving on the National Council and have served four consecutive terms as chair of the Eufaula Indian Community during which I have worked with the Council. I am currently serving on the Title V committee for the Eufaula Public School system.

**Reason for seeking office:** Opportunities exist for the Creek tribe in areas of economic development. Health care, education are important areas of need for Indian people. Being familiar with these areas and with input from the Creek people, will allow the tribe to pursue advancement of our people. With these three combinations, along with communication, our tribe will be successful for developing leaders for Creek people for a prosperous future. We know we can do it as a tribe.





### Muskogee District-A

**Name:** Helen Chupco. **Age:** Not given.  
**Spouse's name:** Lee Lindsey Chupco.

**Children:** James L. Chupco, Waukomis Lewis.

**Parents:** late Billie Palmer, late Bessie McCosar Palmer.

**Clan:** Sweet potato.  
**Tribal Town:** Tuckabatchee.

**Church:** Cover's Chapel United Methodist, Locust Grove.

**Political/professional experience:** Muskogee District representative six terms; tribal town representative 9 years; previous tribal council; second speaker 1 term; former director, Tulsa Indian Center 13 years; employed with the Muskogee Public Schools Indian Education Program Home School liaison.

**Reason for seeking office:** Over 20 years experience in Creek tribal affairs enables me to see the needs and problems of the people. As district representative I will continue to address your needs to tribal government. I would like better working relationships between the Council and the administration, comprehensive budget approved earlier and hire legal counsel for child welfare caseload. I will support legislation for economic development ventures. I will seek improved program services to Creeks.



### Muskogee District-B

**Name:** Harley Little. **Age:** 61.  
**Spouse's name:** Gearldine Little.

**Children:** Jeanette, Harley Gene Jr., and Kendall Jay.

**Parents:** Buster and Nora Little (paternal) Louie and Harry Douglas (maternal).

**Ground:** Green Leaf.  
**Tribal Town:** Nuyaka.

**Church:** First Baptist Muskogee.

**Political/professional experience:** 3-term Muskogee District representative; retired Bureau of Indian Affairs administrator, Korean War Veteran, Northeastern State University and University of Oklahoma graduate.

**Reason for seeking office:** To upgrade the promises of helping develop economic programs which will meet the needs to our Creek people, both young and old. I will continue the struggle to meet the needs of our young in the fields of education and the health care of our elderly.



### Okfuskee District-A

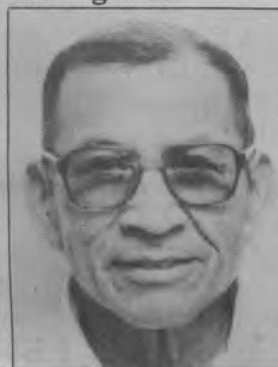
**Name:** Clyde Johnson. **Age:** 68.  
**Spouse's name:** Nadine Johnson.

**Children:** 1.  
**Parents:** Peter and Yarna Scott Johnson.

**Clan:** Deer.  
**Church:** Calvary Baptist Church.

**Political/professional experience:** Retired from the U.S. Postal Service with 37 years.

**Reason for seeking office:** I would like to thank the voters of the Okfuskee District for allowing me to represent them for the fourth term. I will do my best to serve you as I have in the past. Again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.



### Okfuskee District-B

**Name:** Eugene Birdcreek. **Age:** 61.  
**Spouse's name:** Dora Mae.

**Children:** 5.  
**Parents:** Mose and Sally Birdcreek.

**Clan:** Deer.  
**Ground:** Weogufkee.

**Tribal Town:** Weogufkee.  
**Church:** Arbeka Baptist.

**Political/professional experience:** Okfuskee District representative, 2 years; tribal affairs committee, 2 years; and Okfuskee County roads supervisor, 6 years.

**Reason for seeking office:** My goals are to work with the Chief, the Council and all the people of the Creek Nation for better health, education and employment. I ask for your support and vote.



### Okfuskee District-B

**Name:** Billie J. Burden. **Age:** 65.  
**Spouse's name:** Dorothy.

**Children:** Toni Wisner, Steve and Philip Burden.

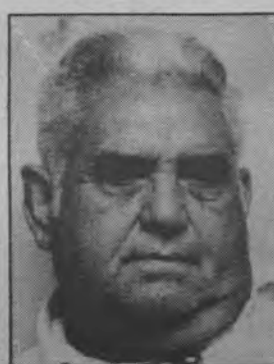
**Parents:** Jack and Augusta Burden.

**Clan:** Deer.  
**Tribal Town:** Thlewarle.

**Church:** Free Will Baptist member.

**Political/professional experience:** Weetka Indian Community chair; former 2-term Council member; retired after 40 years with Public Service Co. of Oklahoma; 20-year Okfuskee deputy sheriff.

**Reason for seeking office:** To further our economic development program and to promote more jobs for our Creek people. To see our health and education progress and be as effective as possible. Our Indian people must be able to compete and cope in a white man's world. Develop a working relationship between the tribal towns and the Creek Nation. Develop an office for a grant writer to serve in that capacity to acquire as many grants as possible for our tribe.



### Okfuskee District-C

**Hepsie Mae Jackson. Age:** None given.  
**Spouse's name:** Bob Jackson

**Children:** 1 son, 4 grandchildren.  
**Parents:** Phillip and Annie (Monday) Tiger, great-grandmother Modie Tiger.

**Clan:** Bear. **Tribal Town:** Fish Pond.

**Church:** Springfield United Methodist.

**Political/professional experience:** 2 years Council rep; experience with federal and state programs; community development; social welfare and advocacy for Native Americans; Congressional testimony for Indian health and child welfare; co-author, past board member of Urban Health and Employment programs.

**Reason for seeking office:** I want to continue efforts in serving all Creek citizens; for better government; maintaining and strengthening our tribal sovereignty and enhancing services. I support legislation and am an advocate for additional tribal enterprises that will provide more employment; improved health care; additional consumer and health professionals on present hospital and clinic board; and increased interest and involvement in our tribal government through community and youth development in political process for future leadership.





## Okfuskee District-D

**Name:** Wynema ``Judy'' Roberts. Age: 40.

**Parents:** Stella Roberts and the late Cainey Roberts.

**Clan:** Alligator.

**Ground:** Nuyaka.

**Tribal Town:** Nuyaka.

**Church:** Nuyaka Indian Baptist.

**Political/professional experience:** I graduated from business college, have worked in and around Creek Nation for years. Now self-employed. I have worked with Creek Indians of all ages for many years.

**Reason for seeking office:** My first priority is economic development to provide more jobs for the tribe. We need more health care for all ages and more education in wider fields. If elected, I will work hard to bring in new programs which will benefit all Indians regardless of age or location. Creek citizens are the most important people. I will do what the citizens want and what I feel is mostly needed for our people.



## Okfuskee District-D

**Name:** Billy Ray Williams. Age: 54.

**Spouse's name:** Doris Williams.

**Children:** 5 (7 grandchildren).

**Parents:** Irvin and Alice Williams, Minnie and Charlie Wesley.

**Clan:** Raccoon.

**Tribal Town:** Okfuskee.

**Church:** Thelwale.

**Political/professional experience:** Secretary for Muscogee Indian Credit Association.

**Reason for seeking office:** I have served in the U.S. Army and Reserves for six years. My interests are in rodeo and sports. I am self-employed at Williams Body Shop in Henryetta. I serve on the Muscogee Indian Credit Association as secretary and treasurer, helping our people to buy homes and businesses. If elected, I will work to help our Creek people with their needs and work to help the people make a greater united Creek Nation.



## Okmulgee District-A

**Name:** Harvey Gilroy. Age: 49.

**Spouse's name:** Gloria.

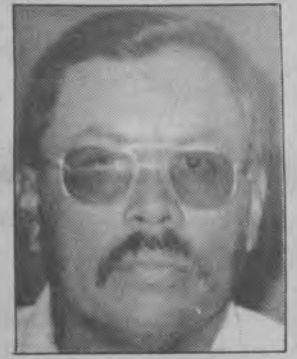
**Children:** Joseph, Michael and Mindy.

**Parents:** Hepsey Gilroy.

**Church:** Wilson Baptist Church.

**Political/professional experience:** 4 years Creek National Council; 6 years self-employed oilfield service company; presently employed with Okmulgee County Road.

**Reason for seeking office:** I want strong educational programs and economic development.



## Okmulgee District-B

**Name:** Thomas Berryhill. Age: 51.

**Spouse's name:** Janice.

**Children:** four children and four stepchildren.

**Parents:** Tom Berryhill Sr. and the late Blanche Berryhill.

**Clan:** Alligator.

**Ground:** Arbeka and Duck Creek.

**Tribal Town:** Big Cussetah.

**Political/professional experience:** 2-term Okmulgee District representative, Red Stick Political Party; floor speaker, Este Mvskokullke Etlwa Etelaketa.

**Reason for seeking office:** In anticipation of a much-needed change, compromise in government leadership will be of the most importance for tribal survival. Innovative, practical economic development is imperative, implementing and enforcing policies; monitor spending, better services to the people in true service attitude toward the Indian people, preserving the traditions and culture of the Mvskoke people. You have given me this unique opportunity to serve you and fight to maintain true tribal identity. Myto.



## Okmulgee District-C

**Name:** Claude Cox. Age: 78.

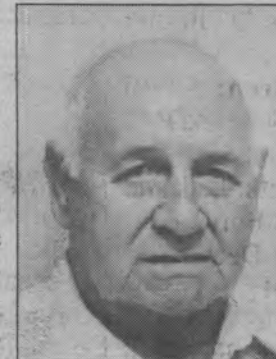
**Spouse's name:** Lilly.

**Tribal Town:** Thlopthlocco

**Church:** Newtown Methodist Church

**Political/professional experience:** 20 years principal chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

**Reason for seeking office:** I know how important it is for the National Council to work with the principal chief and the administration in developing goals, strategies and improving the quality of life for our people. The last several years, this positive relationship has not existed. We need to create new jobs for the people through profitable economic development projects. I want to open the Muskogee Bingo Hall which would provide jobs and additional revenue for the tribe.



## Okmulgee District-C

**Name:** Charlie Litsey. Age: 61.

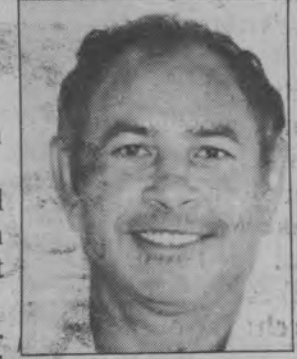
**Spouse's name:** Dorothy.

**Children:** James, Dale.

**Parents:** Katie Fish and Sid Litsey.

**Political/professional experience:** One term as Okmulgee District representative.

**Reason for seeking office:** I have visited with many of you at your community centers and in my home. I have made many friends and appreciate your suggestions and support. Together we have solved many problems. I have attended all Council meetings and have been a working representative for all of the people. We have not however, reached all our goals, I believe in the next two years we will make real progress. I ask for your support and vote.





**Okmulgee District-D**

Name: George Almerigi. Age: 57.

Spouse's name: Normal.

Children: None.

Parents: Pauline Lowe.

Clan: Alligator.

Tribal Town: Cussetah.

Church: Formerly Little Cussetah Methodist.

Political/professional experience: 2-term incumbent National Council representative; lawyer; naval reserves; member of Okmulgee Lions Club and Okmulgee Masonic Lodge.

Reason for seeking office: I expect something good for the Creek Nation and want to have a part in making it happen.

**Okmulgee District-E**

Name: Robert Bill Jones. Age: 47.

Spouse's name: single.

Children: Roxanne, Ryan and Renee.

Parents: Elmer Jones and Elsie Roberts.

Clan: Deer.

Ground: Nuyaka.

Tribal Town: Nuyaka.

Church: First Indian Baptist, Okmulgee.

Political/professional experience: Haskell Junior College Board of Regents; former Deep Fork Community Action Headstart Policy Council; Commander of Mvskoke Nation Vietnam Veterans; Veteran of Foreign Wars member and Disabled American Veterans.

Reason for seeking office: I will work for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and seek all avenues toward the betterment of our people and assist the new tribal administration to improve tribal policies and procedures. Work for a stronger tribal sovereignty, educational assistance system and elderly program. I will assist the tribal housing program and healthcare for all of our people. To help develop more economic programs and help develop strong tribal law enforcement program.

**Okmulgee District-E**

Name: George Tiger. Age: 41.

Parents: The late Coody and Lela Tiger.

Clan: Wind.

Ground: Hickory Ground.

Tribal Town: Hickory Ground.

Church: Yardeka Indian Baptist Church.

Political/professional experience: Have assisted various tribes in developing proposals for funding. Serve as liaison officer for principal chief and second chief. Producer of radio/television projects.

Reason for seeking office: I feel Creek Nation must make a strong commitment in improving and expanding programs and services. The tribe must increase its funding of education programs, pursue economic development projects that would provide jobs for tribal members. The main reason I am seeking office is I would make decisions that would benefit all tribal members.

**Okmulgee District-F**

Name: A.D. Ellis. Age: 55.

Spouse's name: Glenda Sue.

Parents: Doolie and Nellie Bruner Ellis.

Clan: Turtle.

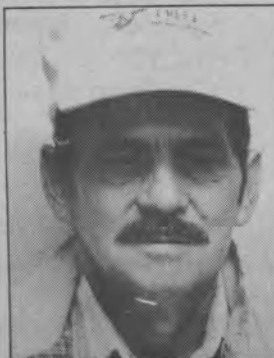
Ground: Concharty.

Tribal Town: Concharty.

Church: Concharty Methodist.

Political/professional experience: U.S. Air Force veteran; retired Teamsters Union; owner and operator of Southwest Mower Supply Oklahoma Hwy 16 and Bixby Road North.

Reason for seeking office: There is a strong need to unite the Creek Nation into a more progressive and united system of government. Working together and helping each other, great deeds can be accomplished. Arguing and divided on every endeavor leads to a divided people and increases the problems we're trying to solve. More contact between the Council and the people it represents. If your people give you their vote you should give them your time and equal representation.

**Okmulgee District-F**

Name: James Hale. Age: 33.

Parents: Brent and Bernice (Harjo) Hale.

Clan: Deer.

Ground: Tuckabatche.

Tribal Town: Tuckabatche.

Church: Northside Assembly of God.

Political/professional experience: Okmulgee Indian Community member.

Reason for seeking office: I am seeking election as Okmulgee district representative with totally objective views on issues and not personalities. I will voice the concerns of the Okmulgee District Creek citizens without partiality. If elected, I will do my best to represent you to the best of my ability. My concern is with job opportunities or lack of it. I am willing to support a bill or projects that address these important issues.

**Tulsa District-A**

Name: Larry Bible. Age: 40.

Spouse's name: Shelly.

Children: Jarod, Gabriel, Andrea and Larry Jr.

Parents: The late Andy and Joann Bible.

Clan: Bird.

Political/professional experience: Tulsa District representative four terms; sergeant-at-arms National Council, 2 years; Glenpool Chief of Police; past chairman of Human Development Committee; past chair of NE Oklahoma Sheriff's and Chief's conference.

Reason for seeking office: I feel that the Creek Nation should set priorities and strive to ensure that our elderly and students are fulfilled. Administrative costs should be reduced so that funds are available for appropriation for services to our people and economic development, other than gaming, should be of highest priority to ensure our financial stability in the future. Thank you for your support.





**Tulsa District-B**

**Name:** Irene Jacobs Cleghorn. Age: Not given.

**Spouse's name:** James Cleghorn.

**Children:** Robert Thomas and Ronald Cleghorn.

**Clan:** Potato.

**Ground:** New Tulsa.

**Tribal Town:** New Tulsa.

**Church:** Baptist.

**Political/professional**

**experience:** 4-term Tulsa District representative; worked for interior decorators for 21 years; present member of Tulsa Area Council on Aging; member OSU Homemakers.

**Reason for seeking office:** I am sensitive to the Creek tribe's needs. This is a unique opportunity to work with people with whom I am well-acquainted. I have the time for our people since I am retired. I have worked in our community with dignity, honesty and pride; helping with utmost concern and care. I will work with all ages. We need industry that can provide jobs for our people. I am proud to be bilingual. Thank you.

**Tulsa District-C**

**Name:** Donald Cahwee. Age: 36.

**Parents:** William and Mary Cahwee.

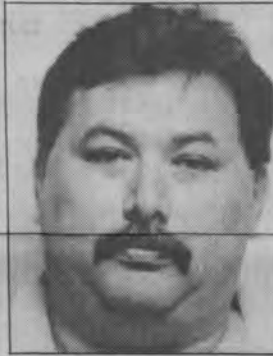
**Clan:** Deer.

**Tribal Town:** Sand Creek.

**Church:** Muttlocke Methodist.

**Political/professional experience:** six years juvenile officer; member, board of directors, Glenpool Indian Community.

**Reason for seeking office:** To create more unity between the branches of tribal government. I intend to help develop a strong economic base by creating jobs in industry and manufacturing. I believe we need to offer better incentives to get our Creek children in higher education and more involved with the tribe. I also plan to promote building a Creek nursing home for our elders.

**Tulsa District-C**

**Name:** Rick Wilde. Age: 39.

**Children:** Richard, Jason and Melanie Danielle.

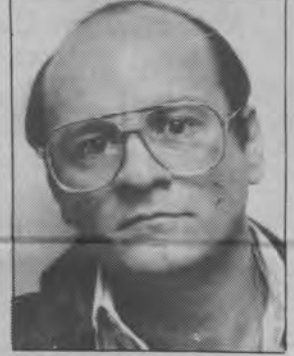
**Parents:** Kathryn Bible Jones.

**Tribal Town:** Broken Arrow.

**Church:** Springtown United Methodist.

**Political/professional experience:** Held leadership positions in the Tulsa Swing Dance Club; OCAW Union representative 2 years; Tulsa County Democratic Party member.

**Reason for seeking office:** The Creek Nation needs to pursue economic development diversification for the benefit of the tribe as a whole and its individual members. My focus is on increased educational opportunities for our youth and provide retirement nursing facilities for the elderly. I pledge to be an advocate of the people and to work for the Creek Nation in accordance with my ethical standards of active participation and representation.

**Tulsa District-D**

**Name:** Jerry Wilson. Age: 39.

**Spouse's name:** Colleen.

**Children:** Coy.

**Parents:** Alfred and Ruth Wilson.

**Clan:** Deer.

**Tribal Town:** Thlophlocco.

**Church:** Opportunity Heights Baptist.

**Political/professional**

**experience:** Six years National Council and has worked on the Council's business and governmental services committee. Owned and operated three small businesses; worked as management specialist for Indian consultant firm; department head at OSU/Okmulgee Small Business Occupation Department.

**Reason for seeking office:** Continue to develop and support legislation that will position Creek Nation as responsible government respected and trusted by its citizenry and Indian community. The public agenda should be based from needs/wants of Creek populace. Continue to develop legislation that will support programs designed to meet those needs. We need to promote social justice and economic opportunities and increase tribal resources to ensure efficient use of resources. Increase citizen participation in tribal government.

**Tulsa District-E**

**Name:** Loretta Pat Kelly. Age: 51.

**Spouse's name:** Earl.

**Children:** Julie, Kenneth, Mathew Wilson, Charles, Shannon and Chris Kelly.

**Parents:** Melissa Tiger McCoy.

**Clan:** Fuswu (Bird).

**Ground:** Arbeka.

**Tribal Town:** Tulsa Canadian.

**Political/professional**

**experience:** Graduate Muskogee Central High; Bacone College; Northeastern State University; employed formerly with the Oklahoma State Senate, Okmulgee County Court Clerk, Okmulgee County District Court Clerk; 8 years trustee with Creek Indian Memorial Association.

**Reason for seeking office:** Economic development and retaining culture will insure our stability and self-sufficiency as a tribe. Having lived in Tulsa District all my life (except for 10 years in Okmulgee), I know the problems of inner city and urban Indians and would work to secure funding for TCIC building so we can become self-sufficient. I would speak for the rights of benefits to all Creek citizens, whether in Wiwika, Broken Arrow, Bixby, Glenpool, inner city and urban Tulsa.

**Tulsa District-E**

**Name:** Pamela Snyder-Osmun. Age: None given.

**Spouse's name:** Ronald Osmun.

**Children:** Joseph, Joshua and Sue Ellen.

**Parents:** Lois Colbert, Donald Snyder.

**Clan:** Bear.

**Ground:** Tuskegee.

**Tribal Town:** Tuskegee.

**Church:** Rimrock Baptist Church.

**Political/professional experience:** environmental specialist for state of Oklahoma; research and laboratory supervisor six years; B.S. chemistry from Southeastern State University; Associate of Arts degree, Bacone College; Outstanding Woman of America Award, 1979-80.

**Reason for seeking office:** I would like to represent the Creek people in the Council. I feel the people are not being heard and their needs are not being met. My concern for the people is being a voice that will demand response and solutions to problems. During my term in office I will address the following: Council unity; elders' needs; youth education; discrimination in the workplace; treatment programs for drug dependency and alcoholism; support of the chief. Let me know how I can support you.





### Tulsa District-F

**Name:** Patricia Clark. Age: 48.

**Children:** Rebecca Boomer Harold Clark.

**Parents:** W.E. & Helen Evans.

**Church:** Baptist.

**Political/professional experience:** Former Council representative 1986-87, Glenpool planning commissions 1986-90; Glenpool Creek Indian Community; Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women.

**Reason for seeking office:** Legislate for the whole tribe and protect our rights as a nation; be an advocate for the people's social/economic needs that have been created by the oppression of the main stream; establish a WATTS line so people can have accessibility to their representatives when they need it; be available at community meetings for questions and answers; to create legislation that will enable the elderly, sick and handicapped to be assisted by the tribe more effectively; to promote education for our people of all ages.



### Tulsa District-F

**Name:** Okema Boudinot Randall. Age: None given.

**Spouse's name:** Les Randall Jr.

**Children:** Michelle Wolfvoice, Rodney and Shaunday Randall.

**Parents:** Don and Mildred McIntosh Childers.

**Clan:** Deer.

**Tribal Town:** Koweta.

**Church:** Broken Arrow Methodist.

**Political/professional experience:** Vice chair, Tulsa Creek Indian Community; Oklahoma Indian Affairs Executive Committee; Intertribal Club of Tulsa; chair, Broken Arrow Indian Club; Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women; retired executive secretary, American Airlines.

**Reason for seeking office:** I will diligently pursue full representation of a voice for all of the Muscogee (Creek) people of Tulsa. I will insist on employment of qualified Creek personnel for administrative positions. Propose fringe benefits for bingo hall employees. Advocate youth programs and educational opportunities for our future leaders. Ever rising tuition costs and price of books require additional funding. I will uphold and instill pride in our traditional ceremonial grounds, tribal towns and Indian culture.



### Tulsa District-F

**Name:** Donna Rhodes. Age: None given.

**Children:** Paul Travis, Jonathon T. and Co-gee Leigh.

**Parents:** Margaret and Jesse Freeman (deceased).

**Clan:** Tiger.

**Tribal Town:** Tuckabatche.

**Church:** Methodist.

**Political/professional experience:** 2-term Tulsa

District representative; president, National Indian Education Association; chair of the Council's Human Development Committee; employed with the American Red Cross Tulsa Regional Office.

**Reason for seeking office:** I've worked at both the local and national level for Indian education and I am a strong advocate of education. Education involves not only schooling but teaching and keeping our traditional values. Education will help our tribal economics, health problems and other programs that serve our Creek people. I will continue to work with my Creek people for a stronger tribal growth that will make our people a proud and sovereign nation.



### Wagoner District-A

**Name:** Richard Berryhill. Age: 47.

**Spouse's name:** Wilma Miller Berryhill.

**Children:** None.

**Parents:** late Sam Berryhill and Viola McIntosh Berryhill.

**Clan:** Fuswu.

**Church:** Cedar Creek Baptist.

**Political/professional experience:** One term as Wagoner District representative.

**Reason for seeking office:** I will strive to bring forth a strong commitment to all Creek people that programs derived and implemented ensure needed services are available to our people. I will maintain the dignity of the Creek Nation through programs, services and information to tribal citizens. I pledge to continue, to the utmost of my abilities, the advancement of our tribe. Thank you for your support.



### Wagoner District-B

**Name:** Helen Duncan. Age: 45.

**Spouse's name:** Jim Duncan.

**Children:** Phillip and David.

**Parents:** Clarence Haynes and Marie Miller Crittenden.

**Clan:** Tiger.

**Political/professional experience:** Current Wagoner District representative; National

Council community services committee member; and tribal protection team member.

**Reason for seeking office:** I want to help Creek Nation remain one of this country's most prosperous tribes, [a reputation] that has been achieved over the past 20 years. This will be accomplished by supporting competent legislation to create employment opportunities, strengthen educational and social services programs and provide elderly needs. Advocate legislation to maintain children and family service requirements. As Creek people, we must work in harmony, preserve existing accomplishments and continue to move forward for tomorrow's society.



### Wagoner District-B

**Name:** Alexander Thomas. Age: 71.

**Spouse's name:** Ruby.

**Tribal Town:** Big Cussetah.

**Church:** Broken Arrow Indian.

**Political/professional experience:** Retired from Baden Industries, Broken Arrow.

**Reason for seeking office:** To help our Indian people.







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## Beaver, Fife in run-off



**Perry Beaver**

The race for principal chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is down to two men.

Second Chief Perry Beaver and Okfuskee District Rep. Bill Fife will advance to the general election. Beaver finished with 1,549, and Fife collected 1,463. Their fate and that of the tribe, will be decided in the Dec. 7 general election.

Beaver said he was pleased with the results.

"I'm glad we got this far," Beaver said. "I am very honored to receive the support I did."

Fife said he too, was satisfied about his campaign.



**Bill Fife**

"We worked very hard and the results are very satisfying."

Both, Beaver and Fife agreed that their primary concern was to have a fair election for all voters and the candidates.

The recent absentee ballot controversy did not affect the outcome of the chief race. Both men finished well ahead of the other candidates.

National Council Speaker Ken Childers finished third in the primary with 844 votes. He was followed by the tribe's social services manager Jimmy Hill, Creek District Rep. Ed Frye and educator Jackson Barnett.

Other election results on page three.

## Election board certifies all absentee votes

### December election to proceed as scheduled

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board has certified the returns from the Oct. 26 elections despite two court orders that would alter some results.

The board's decision negates two tribal court decisions that voided absentee ballots.

The dispute began with a Nov. 6 court ordered recount for Okmulgee district ballots.

That decision was prompted by separate petitions filed by National Council representative Thomas Yahola of Wetumka, and businessman A.D. Ellis of Okmulgee.

Yahola was a second chief candidate who finished third in the primary, nine votes out of the run-off. Ellis was contending for an Okmulgee District National Council seat.

Yahola petitioned for a recount while Ellis asked for a recount based on voting irregularities.

Ellis lost the primary election to James Hale of Okmulgee. Hale is the older brother of Tony Hale, a second chief candidate. The Ellis-Hale contest had more than 150 fewer votes than two other Okmulgee representa-

see Ballots on page 10

## Tribe announces school clothing guidelines

OKMULGEE -- The Muscogee (Creek) National Council has funded the school clothing grants for eligible Creek families with children in grades kindergarten through high school.

The program will be administered by the Creek Nation's Children and Family Services Department. The program provides \$50 for each child in school.

The money will not be made directly to the family, but to the vendor where the clothes are purchased.

To be eligible for the program, parents or

guardians must meet the following eligibility requirements:

-- income verification. All income for every member of the household must be verified by producing a photostat copy of the following: current pay stubs for a full month; Social Security award letter; Aid to Families with Dependent Children pay stubs; Veteran's Administration statements; child support awards; general assistance payments; royalty payments; or 1990 income tax returns.

-- children's citizenship card. Applicant

must produce a copy of the child's tribal enrollment card (photostat copies are accepted). A CDIB card is not sufficient.

-- verification of school enrollment. Applicant must produce an official letter from the school verifying that the applicant's child is enrolled and attending class.

If you are applying in behalf of a third party, you must present an original, signed statement from the parent or guardian of the child, giving permission for you to apply for

see Clothing on page 11



## Letters to the editor

### Euchee Mission reunion director offers thanks

Editor:

The 1991 host committee for the Euchee Boarding School reunion wishes to acknowledge all the help from these different people and their staffs for their part in the 1991 reunion:

-- The Creek Nation, for use of the complex and the bingo hall and the use of the video for showing tapes of the 1990 reunion;

-- George Tiger, of the executive office, Tommy Cummings and Jim Wolfe, of the Creek Nation communications department;

-- Richard Larney and his security staff;

-- Jimmy Jones, elderly nutrition specialist, for the use of the dining hall;

-- Ray Barnett, for the use of Creek Nation's Okmulgee Bingo Hall;

-- This 1991 reunion was financed from last year's appropriation from the Creek National Council and we wish to thank them. (We're in much better shape for next year);

-- To all the participants on the program. Everyone came and gladly did their duties. The whole program was light and the comments were very entertaining;

-- To Helen Coon and all her helpful crew of women for serving at the banquet, taking care of the clean up and taking care of the good, left over food and;

-- To Andrew Spaniard for helping at the table for registering alumni and handing out literature and information.

We were honored by the presence of the Principal Chief of the Seminole Nation, Jerry G. Haney, who attended Euchee at one time (1941-47). He was acknowledged and given time to reminisce about Euchee.

Some of those that attended last year, returned again this year. We appreciate all of the time and effort that these people made to attend. I think you could say that a lot of these people have established themselves in their fields all over the country and have retired in Oklahoma. They came back to fellowship and get reacquainted.

Special thanks to Monroe Sulphur, for the table decorations and papers.

I will be looking for volunteers to serve on committees.

Mvto, from the 1991 reunion committee. Until we might meet again, God bless all.

Phillip W. Coon, Sapulpa

### Campaign gratitude

May I take this opportunity to thank you for the votes and support I received for the office of principal chief. You will always be remembered in my mind and in my heart.

I have served our tribe as an elected official for ten years, working to improve the conditions for all Creek citizens.

If, for, any reason, I can render you a service in the future, do not hesitate to contact me.

May I, again, say, thank you.

Ken Childers

I want to take this time to thank my campaign workers, financial supporters, and especially those of you who took the time to cast your vote for me Oct. 26. Also, thank you for the prayers and your continued support on Dec. 7. Mvto. (Thanks, from the heart).

Shelly Stubbs Crow

I want to thank the voters for the support I received in my race for National Council. I have worked for you the last two years and I'll continue to work for you these next two years.

Charlie Litsey

I want to thank the people who supported me financially and with their votes for second chief. I also want to thank all of those who are encouraging me and praying for me. It has made a difference. Again, thanks.

Tony Hale

I would like to thank all the voters who placed me on the National Council. I will work hard to maintain your trust.

Don Cahwee

### CIMA says thanks

Editor:

On behalf of the Creek Indian Memorial Association, the Council House Board and the Oklahoma Indian Art Market Committee, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your support and assistance with our 4th Annual Oklahoma Indian Art Market and Inter-Tribal Pow Wow. After all considerations, the Art Market Committee has determined that this has been our best year yet. The success of this year's event would not have been possible without the combined efforts and support from our Council House friends. Thank you.

Janath Slamans, Okmulgee

Editor's note: Slamans is CIMA President.

### Glenpool reader's tribute

Editor:

As an ex-officio of the Glenpool Creek Indian Community, I have witnessed the significant contributions my mother made as a volunteer, as a concerned community member and citizen. Before she was confined to a wheelchair and walker, my mother was active making house calls to community members to remind them of meetings. She has used her money to pick up people and transport them to activities and for services. She was the key member who gathered other volunteers to do odd jobs around the center. I have seen her with as many as seven volunteers at one time.

Last Christmas, she was instrumental in soliciting donations for Christmas toys for our Indian children. Not only did she help in picking up the toys, but she stayed up until 3:30 a.m. sorting toys, wrapping and tagging them, so that Santa could make a timely delivery.

My mother has a natural ability to discern a person's spirit, and I listen when she gives advice. She has knowledge and the compassion of great friend. She offers her heart and at times, money from her fixed income, if it's needed.

My mother is named Esther, after a great queen in the Bible. She understands Creek language and often acts as an interpreter at the polls during elections. This last election, she stayed on duty from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 the next morning, though confined to her wheelchair or walker. She is an elder, the widow of a WW II veteran.

My mother is the daughter of Sarah Simmer (Miller), the granddaughter of Seaborn Miller (a great medicine man) and the niece of Polly Homma and Ocie Miller. She has 10 children, 21 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. We all love you, mama, and we thank you. We will be here for you. In behalf of my brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Eleanor Irene Van Buskirk, Glenpool

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## Crow, Hale duel for second chief

OKMULGEE -- Shelly Crow of Tulsa, and Tony Hale of Okmulgee, remain in the race for second chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The two contestants survived a close primary election and two court decisions to be placed on the Dec. 7 general election ballot.

It is the election that almost wasn't.

Councilman Thomas Yahola finished third ahead of medicine man David Lewis Jr.

Yahola was nine votes behind Shelly Crow Hale; out of the run-off.

The first court-ordered recount placed Yahola on the ballot instead of Hale.

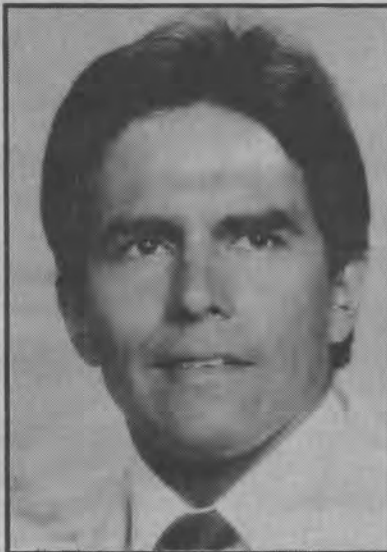
After an extra-ordinary Council session called by Principal Chief Claude Cox, the Council asked the court to reconsider its decision.

The court did and on Nov. 8, ordered that all absentee ballots nationwide would not be counted.

That action produced the same results as the primary election, with Crow and Hale



Shelly Crow



Tony Hale

the top finishers.

Crow said the events thus far have been very demanding.

"My family and I need prayers to get through this election," Crow said. "This has been very strenuous."

Crow said she was pleased with her performance in the primary election. "I came out ahead at the polls and with the absentee voters and I'm very thankful for that," Crow said.

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## Elections put 1992-93 National Council in place

OKMULGEE -- The 1992-93 Muscogee (Creek) National Council membership is set after the Oct. 26 tribal primary election.

The Creek Nation Election Board certified 30 of the 31 seats, despite two court rulings that attempted to dismiss absentee ballots.

According to the board, the lone run-off for a Council seat is in Tulsa District between incumbent Donna Rhodes of Tulsa, and Pat Clark, of Glenpool.

All 29 members of the present Council ran for some elected office. Increased enrollment added a new representative each for the Okmulgee and Tulsa Districts, making this Council the largest ever.

The only disputed contest was Okmulgee District Seat-F. A.D. Ellis of Okmulgee, filed for a recount in his race against James Hale, brother of Tony Hale, a second chief candidate.

Ellis cited voting irregularities as the reason for his petition. Ellis said two other Okmulgee races had 150 more votes cast than in his race.

"I want to know where those votes went," Ellis said.

Though 20 members were returned to the Council, there will be a distinctive new look.

Many of the past Council's leaders will not return.

Five vacated their seats to run for higher office.

Speaker Ken Childers (Tulsa Dist.), Bill Fife (Okfuskee Dist.), and Ed Frye (Creek Dist.), challenged for the chief's seat.

Childers had served successive terms as speaker while Frye chaired the Council's business and governmental services committee.

Only Fife remains for the Dec. 7 general election.

Tony Hale, Okmulgee Dist., and Thomas Yahola, Hughes Dist., ran for second chief. Hale survived the primary and faces Shelly Crow, of the tribal health board in the run-off.

Three incumbents were defeated in the primary. Johnson and Robert Buck, both of Hughes Dist., lost to Charlie Franks and Darrell Coachman, respectively. Newcomer Wilson Bear defeated incumbent Frank Kamp for the Eufaula Dist.

Thirteen incumbents drew no opponents.

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## Mvskoke, Tulsa city leaders meet for Council Oak celebration

story and photos by Stephanie Berryhill  
MNN Associate editor

TULSA -- The Council Oak Tree preserves the memory of the Locapoka people -- who spread the ashes of their Alabama tribal town fire at its base.

Though the Council Oak ceremony commemorates tradition, the featured speaker, Mvskoke-Seminole elder Spencer Frank, fears that with the loss of language and sense of responsibility for one another, this generation is losing its tradition.

The Sixth Annual Council Oak Ceremony was held Nov. 10 at the Council Oak Park, 18th and Cheyenne streets.

The ceremony commemorates the spreading of ashes carried by the survivors of the removal from Locapoka (Locv Pokv) Tribal Town. That act spawned the city of Tulsa.

Master of ceremonies was Kenneth Childers, Muscogee (Creek) National Council Speaker. Mose Cahwee, Creek District Rep., gave the benediction.

Mvskoke Nation Vietnam Era Veterans Bill Jones and Johnnie Botone, presented the colors. Mayor Roger Randle presented Childers with a proclamation declaring Nov. 10 as official Council Oak Day in the City of Tulsa.

This generation doesn't care for our elders like our grandparents used to, said Frank, a Hickory Ground member.

"Your grandpa, your grandma used to take their last flour -- last grease they had -- and feed their elders," Frank said.

The very last of one's staples was often shared with others.

"Even if they only had bread and water they shared it with the people of the tribal town," he said.

Frank contends the loss of the Mvskoke language will lead to

the loss of tradition. There are not many Creek speakers left, he said. Ceremonial grounds often call on him to speak prior to ribbon dances and stickball games.

"I used to joke around and not listen to my elders, now I wish I did. There's no one to

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Spencer Frank



## Chartered Community News

Community centers  
ready for holidays

compiled by **Stephanie Berryhill**  
MNN community affairs editor

**Okemah**

- The Okemah Indian Community held a potluck Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 16.
- The community held a potluck dinner and program to honor all veterans Nov. 11.
- Community officer elections were held last month. The new officers are: Jimmie Johnson, chair; Wilma Berryhill, vice-chair; Lou Jean Tilly, secretary; Betsy Tiger, treasurer and Ernestine Boatman, reporter.

**Glenpool**

- Glenpool Creek Indian Community filled the office of community chair at its Nov. 12 regular meeting. The new chair is Ken Childers. The new secretary is Cheri Haney. Former secretary Chiquita Smith, was removed from her post for misconduct in office, according to the community's constitution and by-laws, said Childers.
- The community's new smokeshop will open this month, said Don Cahwee, newly-elected Tulsa District representative.
- Mocassin-making lessons began Oct. 28. The classes will be held every Monday night at 7 p.m. and costs \$25. The fee includes all required materials. The classes will be held for four weeks Cahwee said.

**Eufaula**

- Eufaula Indian Community members are invited to a Nov. 23 Thanksgiving dinner. Dinner begins at 11 a.m.
- The community held an open house and dedication for its new office, giftshop and smokeshop building Nov. 9. State Senator Kelly Haney (D-Seminole) and Muskogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief Claude Cox were the featured speakers. Entertainment was a flute solo by Woodrow Haney, and the Stidham Grade School band. The new building is north of the bingo hall on Forrest Ave.
- The community held a Veterans' Day dinner. There was an attendance of 59, said Jerry Francis, community activity coordinator.
- The crowning of Eufaula Indian Community's Little Miss and Little Brave has been rescheduled for Nov. 18. The banquet begins at 7 p.m.
- The community is taking its youth skating at The World of Wheels in Checotah. The



These cousins have been named students of the month at Eastside Elementary School in Okmulgee. Pictured from left to right are: Kara Wolfe, Fallon Proctor and Patty Proctor. Kara is the daughter of Rick and Minnie Wolfe of Okmulgee and the granddaughter of Thomas and Mattie Long, Preston, Roscoe Wolfe of Oklahoma City and Joyce Wolfe of Henryetta. Fallon and Patty are the daughters of Thomasine Long of Mounds, and David Proctor of Okmulgee. Their grandparents are Thomas and Mattie Long, and Sam Proctor of Tahlequah and Pauline Starr of Nuyaka.

community van will leave from the center at 6:15 p.m., the first Monday of every month.

**Okmulgee**

- Okmulgee Indian Community's Thanksgiving dinner was held in place of its regular meeting on Nov. 11. The dinner had an attendance around 50, said Matt Tiger, community chair.
- The community Christmas dinner will also be held in place of the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 9.
- The community has appropriated an additional \$1,000 to provide athletic equipment to eligible community children meeting income guidelines.

**Tulsa**

- Plans for the Tulsa Creek Indian Community's Dec. 5 Christmas program are being finalized said Vic Childers, community treasurer.

**Bristow**

- A potluck Thanksgiving dinner was held Nov. 18 at the Bristow Indian Community Center.

**Beggs**

- Beggs Indian Community has changed its regular meeting date from the second Monday of each month to 7 p.m., the first Wednesday of the month.

**Holdenville**

- Holdenville Indian Community domino players invite all Hughes-Seminole District dom-

ino players to join their weekly games, at 7:30 p.m. each Friday.

**Hanna**

- Hanna Indian Community's December food bingo begins at 7 p.m., Dec. 7. Bingo games are held the first Saturday each month.

**Sapulpa**

- A potluck Thanksgiving dinner was held Nov. 16 for Sapulpa Indian Community members. The dinner was held in the John Frank Hall of the Sapulpa Public Library, 27 W. Dewey.

**Muskogee**

- Muskogee Indian Community held its election of officers at its Nov. 4 regular meeting said Loretta Purdin, community secretary. They are: Grace Escoe, president; Brandy Tiger, vice-president; Purdin, secretary; Lena Primeaux, treasurer; Newton Cole, sergeant-at-arms; Lee Chupco, chaplain.
- The community is also trying to operate an elderly nutrition program at the community center. The most recent proposal is in committee of the National Council.

**Okfuskee**

- Okfuskee Indian Community will hold a turkey shoot and bingo beginning 2 p.m., Nov. 23.
- Community members are selling raffle tickets for a handmade quilt. Chances for the

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drawing also will be held Nov. 23.

-- The community's Thanksgiving dinner will be held at 1 p.m., Nov. 28.

-- The community wishes 4-year-old Amanda Johnson happy birthday. She is the daughter of Annie Hicks and the granddaughter of Joe and Lorene Hicks. Congratulations are extended to Simmer and Sharon Hicks on their 14th wedding anniversary.

-- The community thanks all of the fifteen coed volleyball teams that participated in its last volleyball tournament of the year.

-- The community youth say ``mvto'' to all who bought raffle tickets at the Mason Public School's Halloween carnival.

**Checotah**

-- Last month, Checotah Indian Community

members elected officers. New officers are: Alice Parks, chair; Charles Skaggs, vice-chair; Lucille Courtwright, treasurer; Naggie Wilbanks, secretary and Brenda Phillips, reporter.

-- The community's board of directors were all reinstated. The board is: Charles Skaggs, chair; Lucille Courtwright, treasurer; Martha Armstrong, secretary and Buddy York and Joyce Vaughan, members

-- Checotah Indian Bingo donated money to the technical student-parent association. The money will be used to send Checotah High School vo-tech students to a national competition.

**Kellyville**

-- Kellyville Indian Community members elected Delbert Dunn as the new chair at its October regular meeting. Dorothy Lee remains the vice-chair.

**Yardeka**

-- Yardeka Indian Community is selling ricks of wood for \$25. An additional \$5 is charged for every 20 miles travelled. To place orders, call the community smokeshop at 652-2476.

-- Placing first in the community's coed volleyball tournament was Community Chair Vincent Williams' team, Twins.

**Duck Creek**

-- Duck Creek Indian Community members are raffling off a Pendleton blanket. Chances are being sold for a \$1 each. It will be raffled-off at the community's Dec. 14 Christmas dinner. Tickets may be purchased from community members.

To include your community news contact **Stephanie Berryhill** at (918) 756-8700 or write P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

**Religion in brief**

OKMULGEE -- Okmulgee First Indian Baptist Church is in revival Nov. 18 through 22. Services begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Rev. Jimmy Anderson, Shawnee, will be the guest evangelist. Anderson is with the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. He is the former director of missions for the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Indian Baptist Association.

John Buckner of Henryetta, is the pastor of the church at 320 N. Mission. For local transportation call 756-6251.

OKMULGEE -- Newtown Methodist Church is in revival Nov. 20 through 22. Services begin at 7 p.m. nightly. The Rev. Lynn Mims, Oklahoma City, will be the evangelist. The church is located one mile west of Oklahoma Street on Eufaula and one mile north. For more information contact Rev. Sammy Chupco at (918) 756-9077.

The church held its Third Annual Veterans Day Revival Nov. 9. The emcee was Billy Joe Harjo.

YEAGER -- Salt Creek United Methodist Church will have its Thanksgiving revival Nov. 25 through 27.

Rev. Harry Long, of Phoenix, Ariz. is the evangelist.

The church is eight miles north and two miles east of Holdenville or seven miles west and two miles south of Wetumka.

YEAGER -- Tekopuchee Independent Methodist Church is holding worship services on Christmas Day.

The church members invite all to come and worship. Services will be held in the Mvskoke and English languages. ``It is an all-day event of old tradition," said pastor Joseph S. Tiger.

The church is located two miles west and three-fourths of a mile north of Yeager

and two miles south of Salt Creek United Methodist Church.

OKTAHA -- Butler Creek Baptist Church was in revival Nov. 6 through 8.

Mitchell Taylor of Hickory Ground No. 1, and E.L. Wildcat of Gore, were the guest evangelists.

YEAGER -- A potluck ``Victory Dinner'' was held at the Yeager Methodist Church for newly-elected Hughes-Seminole District representatives. The dinner for representatives-Darrell Coachman, Charlie Franks and Dwayne Lowe was held Nov. 9.

SAPULPA -- Pickett Chapel will host a gospel singing beginning at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 23. Emcee is Robert Jones. All singers and visitors are welcome. Pickett Chapel is located four miles south of Sapulpa on Hickory Street.

ARBEKA -- A Nov. 24 Thanksgiving dinner will be held around noon at the Arbeka Ceremonial Ground Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend the potluck dinner.

PRESTON -- A dinner and prayer service was held for Steven Powell, who is stationed at For. Jackson, S.C. in the 101st Airborne Division. A devotional was given by Tom Shirley. Sandra Thorpe of Shawnee, won the door prize.

Powell is a 1991 graduate of Sequoyah High School and a member of Grave Creek Baptist Church. He is the son of Peggy Powell and the grandson of Vena Randall and David Powell. His great-grandparents are Mabel Hill and Wylie Sampson.

The dinner and prayer service, held at the Sampson home, was attended by friends, relatives and members of the Grave Creek Baptist Church.



Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief Claude Cox and reigning Creek Nation Princess Kristi Herndon visit during a tribute dinner for Cox. More than 300 people, including representatives from the Five Tribes, attended the dinner sponsored by the tribe's elderly nutrition program.



# Veterans tribute

## World War II prisoner recalls his sacrifice for freedom

by Stephanie Berryhill  
MNN Associate Editor

OKMULGEE -- As a fifth grade geography student, Phillip Coon was fascinated with the Philippines. He dreamed about the eastern lands, wanting to learn more about its culture -- its people.

As a WW II prisoner of war he learned that the Filipinos were a caring and giving people. As a survivor of the Bataan Death march he also learned that people can be atrocious.

It has been almost 50 years since the 14th Japanese Imperial Army overtook American forces on the Philippine Islands, but memories of war, torture and death remain vivid in the mind of the former 31st U.S. Infantry gunner.

From the Nuyaka area, Coon joined the army on Sept. 17, 1941. He was given five options for assignment locations; among them was the Philippines.

The 19 year-old recalled his grade school interest in the Philippines. He rode a train from Oklahoma to Ft. McDowell in California. By the time the ship set sail, Coon had become close friends with Jacob Cornsilk, a full-blood Cherokee.

At that time, England and Germany were at war. Relatives bid farewell to sons, husbands and brothers knowing it could be for the last time.

Coon recalls Jacob turning to him saying "it's good that we don't have anyone to be crying over."

"Yeah, but it kind of saddens my heart to see this," replied Coon who found the scene emotionally difficult to take.

They arrived in the Philippines on Oct. 23. After docking Coon was assigned to the Second Battalion, Company H. The 31st Infantry Regiment is unique in that it was only regular army unit to have its entire service on foreign land.

Coon recalls that he and other members of the machine gun company were in field training for jungle fighting when Pearl Harbor was bombed. A day later, the Japanese made the first of many attacks that would lead to the takeover of Bataan and Corregidor. They were ordered to retreat to camp and get live ammunition.

Concerned for the safety of many families in Manila, they headed for the Bataan Peninsula. Their objective was to intercept Japanese paratroopers.

The Japanese landed on the southern part of the islands where the U.S. 26th and the Philippine Scouts were waiting. General Masaharu Homma and his 80,000-man 14th Imperial Army converged upon the malnourished, malaria-infected and poorly equipped U.S. and Filipino soldiers.

"We were equipped with World War I leftovers," Coon said. "That was discouraging; we had 45 pistols with five shells per clip

and only four would fire."

When H Company's top gunner was killed on the front lines Coon assumed the position.

Assisting him was Edward Beyuka, a full-blood Zuni.

The 14th Imperial Army was among Japan's most elite. Though outmanned, the Allied forces were able to hold Japanese forces as long as they could.

"We turned them back several times. They had to call on extra troops to defeat us. But we didn't have anything to reach back for (to continue fighting)."

That previous



Phillip Coon

March, Gen. Douglas MacArthur left the islands taking only top officials with him. Although he promised to return, Coon and his fellow soldiers felt abandoned.

"I just feel like he left us holding the bag. In Indian movies the chief is leading the pack. The fact that MacArthur was [giving orders] on the phone didn't gel with me."

Coon said he had more admiration for the noncommissioned officers, because they were physically there for the soldiers.

He owes his life to the good judgement and advice of Section Sgt. Clyde Cole

"I wouldn't be here today if it weren't for him. Cole kept us informed," Coon said.

April 11, 1942 means many things to Coon. It marked his father's birthday and the end of the 31st Infantry and Japanese warfare.

It also marked the beginning of three and a half years of hard labor, imprisonment and torture.

He recalls the day's events clearly.

"I could hear gunfire, but (I) didn't have instructions to shoot. Sgt. Cole instructed the squad to get out, so Eddie grabbed the gun and took off. We met Cole and he said 'everyman to himself, this is it. I'm not gonna tell you what to do.'"

Coon and Beyuka grabbed army rations from an overturned truck and headed into the python-infested jungle. They headed west and tried to make it to Corregidor, two miles away.

This was the last time they were together. Beyuka today lives in Gallup, N.M.

After traveling all night, Coon came upon 75 GI's preparing to eat one gallon of corned beef hash.

"We heard gunfire and we were surrounded by Japanese, so we didn't get to eat

that corned beef hash.

"I thought about making a run for it, but I recalled my faulty ammunition. All I had were those 45's. I thought about those clips. If we had went for it, I wouldn't be here today, but I didn't want them to take me."

The Japanese immediately confiscated the GI's rifles and personal valuables. Coon remembers his Baby Ben pocket watch being taken.

"I thought to myself, 'big deal,' it wasn't worth much. They took it off me and just grinned like a possum."

Over the course of three and a half years Coon was taken to Limay, Camp O'Donnell, Capas Tarlac, Camp Cabantuan, Lipa and Camp Murphy.

Upon arriving at Limay, the soldiers were allowed to get water in groups of 10.

Coon saw an Indian who looked familiar. As he approached him, Coon realized it was an old college pal, Alexander Mathews. The pair had attended Haskell Institute (now Haskell Junior College) together, a year earlier.

"I said, 'what the hell are you doing over here?' and he said 'I was going to ask you the same thing.'"

"I was sure glad to see someone I knew. It was everybody for themselves on that march until I met Mathews."

The 56-mile death march ended at Camp O'Donnell. Time spent in the camps made Coon reflect on his short life.

"I was sitting at O'Donnell and I was thinking 'this time last year I was having a good time and now I'm facing a lot of challenges.'" Coon had graduated from Haskell the year before.

Coon said much of his labor consisted of wood gathering, farming and burial detail. The POWs tried to give their comrades a decent burial, but could only manage to wrap the bodies in elephant grass before interment.

In June 1942, the POWs erected a six-foot cement cross in honor of their comrades. Coon recalls gathering bailing wire and anything he could find to contribute to its construction. The cross still stands.

"Maybe one out of 20 guards had a little feeling; not all of the time, but (one) let us build it."

On three-week detail at Capas Tarlac, Coon had to haul heavy, water-logged planks of a blown-up bridge from the water. He remembers the compassion the Filipino women had for the POWs.

After receiving the consent of the Japanese guards they often brought the soldiers a rarity - fresh fruit - usually mangos. From that time on he volunteered for detail, because it meant having access to fresh fruit. An average meal consisted of rice, seaweed, sweet potatoes and dry fish, which Coon said resembled little minnows. This diet emaciated him from

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## Babies



Heather Brown



Japeth Barnett

### Heather Brown

Heather Lawana Brown, five months old, recently won honors in the 1991 Tulsa Baby Pageant. Heather won second place in beauty out of 1,200 contestants. She also won third place in her age group. She received a trophy and two gold seal diplomas. One in beauty and one in health. Heather is the daughter of Jeanice and Floyd Brown of Sapulpa, and the granddaughter of Dorothy Lee and the late Jeff Lee of Kellyville and Florence and Felix Brown of Okmulgee.

### Japeth Barnett

Japeth Tim Barnett was born August 22 to Steve and Dode Barnett of Springfield, Mo. He weighed 10 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 24 inches. Maternal grandparents are Phyllis Warrington of Sapulpa, and the late Burton Warrington of Chicago, Ill. Maternal great-grandparents are George and Lizzie Bruner of Holdenville. Paternal grandparents

are Darlene and the late Tim Barnett of Springfield, Mo. Paternal great grandmother is Freda Jackson of Oregon. Japeth is of the bird clan, his Creek name is Lv'mhe.

### Alex Melson

Alex was born on June 27 at the Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21 inches long. Her mother is Donna Kaler of Dewar. Her father is William A. Melson III of Okmulgee. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Francis of Dewar. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Melson Jr. of Okmulgee. She was welcomed home by her brothers Jared, Bryan and Chad.

## Elder reaches century mark

Alice Schoonover of Muskogee, celebrated her 100th birthday in October. She is a resident of the Eastgate Village Retirement Center in Muskogee.

## Genealogy search

### Editor:

For the last few years, I have developed a growing need to know more about my Creek heritage. I need to know more, which is my reason for writing this letter.

My name is Patreca Murrell Cooper. My father is Goliath Murrell of Omaha, Neb. He was born and reared in Muskogee. We are direct descendants of Sally Murrell, a Creek freedman. My father has been receiving *The Muscogee Nation News*. One in particular,

Vol. 9, no. 4, April 1981, contained a feature, Books at the Library. One of the books mentioned was *The How of Being Indian* by Dorothy Milligan.

The description of this book was so enthralling and interesting that I've looked for it in used book stores and at the library. I am hoping you will be able to provide information as to how I may go about obtaining a copy. I was deeply touched with the desire to know more. You are my last hope.

Also please send current rate information and any list(s) of information that may be of assistance to: **Patreca M. Cooper, 945 W. Carson 121, Torrance, CA 90502.**

## Research needed

### Editor:

My name is David Bridges. I go to Glenpool Middle School. I am in the eighth grade. I play basketball and golf, but I also enjoy writing. Recently my teacher told me about a writing contest. I am supposed to write a paper about a historical site in my country. The most interesting thing I could think of was the Council Oak tree. All I really know about it is that it marks Tulsa's birth. I also know that your people gathered there for religious observations. However, I am short on information about this tree. It would be greatly appreciated if you could send me any information about this tree. Thank you very much. **David Bridges, 9206 E. 39th St., OK 74145**

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140 to 90 pounds on his already small frame.

Following this detail, Coon was sent back to Camp O'Donnell and then in May, to Camp Cabantuan, where he last saw Cornsilk.

"I hadn't seen Jacob since we were on the front lines." Because Coon was afflicted with malaria, his last conversation with Cornsilk was brief.

While on burial detail, Coon noticed a dogtag hanging on a cross -- Cornsilk's.

"It seemed like I didn't even have the urge to go on after I saw that," said Coon, who assumes his friend died of malaria or dysentery.

In 1943 he was transferred to Camp Lipa. Having taken a shoe repair class at Haskell, Coon was placed on shoe repair detail. When two Americans on the same detail escaped, Coon was blamed.

"We were calling out our assigned numbers in Japanese, as we did each morning, and when they didn't call their numbers, they came after me," Coon said.

Although he proclaimed innocence, Coon was interrogated and whipped. He was forced to kneel in a circle where he was beaten all day long.

Coon said his buddies feared for his life; afraid the guards would behead him.

"I never saw those guys. But, if I did I wouldn't strike at them, but I'd let them have a piece of my mind," he said. "That's the closest I came to losing my life."

In September 1944, the POWs were transferred to Camp Murphy, where they were met with resentment from other GIs. The American soldiers there resented Coon and others arriving from Lipa. More POWs meant more restrictions and less rations.

The arrival of U.S. Navy divebombers was the impetus that drove the Japanese to move the POWs to Japan.

The bombing of Japanese airfields and Camp Murphy in September was the first they had seen of American planes since the Japanese captured the Philippines.

He and other soldiers dug a ravine and laid in it for protection. They helplessly watched as Filipino villagers were killed by bombfire while running across the airfields. The unknown American pilot gave Coon and the other prisoners hope, when he tipped his wing to them.

"We didn't want to get too excited because we'd get slapped around," Coon said.

The next day, the soldiers were herded onto five Japanese convoy ships. Three of the ships were torpedoed by Americans unaware of which ships contained U.S. soldiers.

When the remaining ships arrived in Tokyo in January 1945, more soldiers had died from the cruel treatment, explosions and the cold.

"I've heard stories about Americans killing their fellow soldiers in order to put them out of their misery, but we never did that," Coon said.

Upon waking up on the ship each morning Coon would look to Mathews, who would hold up his forefinger to indicate he was still alive.

The American soldiers spent nine more months in a northern Japanese camp. In August they were ordered to clean up the camp as well as themselves.

With little hope of liberation, the soldiers ebbed out a daily existence. The next two weeks were uneventful with the exception of what they thought was an earthquake.

The "earthquake" was the explosion from the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

Ironically, the country that inspired his youthful curiosity is also the same place that robbed his youth.

Coon holds no resentment against the Japanese people, but he hasn't much desire to return to the place where they took his best friend from him.

"I just want to go to Jacob's plot, take a picture and come back."



## Health in Brief

### Influenza shots available

SAPULPA -- Influenza vaccinations will be provided to eligible individuals from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the following community/food distribution centers:

Okmulgee - Tuesday, Nov. 12  
Koweta - Tuesday, Nov. 19  
Glenpool - Wednesday, Nov. 20  
Bristow - Thursday, Nov. 21

Vaccinations will be given by the public health nurse from the Sapulpa Clinic. Priority will be given to those age 55 and older or those determined to have medical need for the vaccine.

### March of Dimes Indian seminar

TULSA -- The Eastern Oklahoma Chapter of the March of Dimes is hosting its second Native American Health Seminar, Dec. 3 and 4 at the Westin Hotel in Tulsa. Cost for both days of the conference and lunch Dec. 4 is \$40 if registration is made before Nov. 19. Single day rates are also available. For Dec. 3, the cost is \$15. For Dec. 4, lunch included, \$25. After Nov. 19, cost for both days of the conference is \$60. Add \$10 to the seminar cost for each day.

All reservations are going through the Westin Hotel. Out-of-town visitors can receive a conference discount for accommodations. Contact the Westin Hotel at 1-800 228-0000 or (918) 582-0000. The mission of the March of Dimes campaign for healthier babies is to promote the cause of healthier babies by preventing birth defects and by reducing the incidences of low birthweight and infant mortality. This seminar represents the 2nd year that the eastern Oklahoma Chapter March of Dimes has undertaken a program to address the prenatal concerns affecting the Native American population in our state. The future of our tribes are our Indian babies, therefore it is essential and imperative to address these prenatal health concerns now to ensure healthy Native American future generations.

### Indian Health Center adds services

TULSA -- Indian Health Care Resource Center is announcing the opening of its optometry clinic and pharmacy. Optometric services available include eye examinations, follow-up care for diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma and other minor eye treatments. To have an examination, one must have a general medical physical on an IHCRRC chart. All other clinic requirements apply. Fees are charged on an income adjustment scale and Medicare, Medicaid or other third party insurance.

The center has hired pharmacist David Hickman and has been licensed by the state. Hickman suggests patients call ahead one day when refilling prescriptions.

Contact IHCRRC for more information.

## Indian Legal Services announces schedule change

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc. has been taking applications for legal services on a daily basis. Responses have been as quick as possible.

Because of staff changes, budget constraints, and lack of volunteers, O.I.L.S., Inc., has instituted a new system effective this past September. Two days have been set aside to take applications for legal services. Those days are Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please call during those times unless there is an emergency, an immediate hearing date or an immediate answer date. If you have any questions as to whether your case is an emergency, please call us on other days.

During the Thanksgiving holiday, applications will be taken on Tuesday, Nov. 26, and Wednesday, Nov. 27. During the Christmas holiday, applications will be taken on Monday, Dec. 23 and Thursday, Dec. 26.

The toll free number is 1-800-658-1497. "We hope this new system will enable

us to better serve those of you who are new applicants and to our existing clients," said Leah Harjo-Ware, O.I.L.S. executive director. The legal service is also inviting all creative Indians to design and enter its new logo contest. The logo must include a lance with four eagle feathers. The winning logo will debut at the 10th anniversary celebration. First and second place cash prizes will be awarded.

First place will receive \$100 and second place will receive \$50. The deadline for all entries is Dec. 1. Contestants will be asked to provide a release of all claims to copyright. Please send all entries to: Leah Harjo-Ware, executive director, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc., 3033 N. Walnut, Suite 103, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

The legal service is also conducting its annual needs assessment survey. The results will be used to determine case priorities for O.I.L.S. Contact Debbie Condulle at O.I.L.S. for more information.

## In Brief

### Cal-Berkeley seeking Indian graduate students

BERKELEY, Calif. -- The American Indian Graduate Program at the University of California at Berkeley is recruiting American Indian and Alaska Native students.

"Increasing numbers of Indians are seeking graduate and professional degrees beyond their B.A. or B.S. as the demand for advanced training becomes a reality among Indian communities," said Dr. Felicia Hodge, program director.

"Several of our alumni have returned to school to obtain an advanced degree such as a doctorate or medical degree," Hodge said. "The program provides counseling and strong retention activities which support students. Special grants are also available to Indian students working toward a masters of public health or social welfare, as well as many other professional areas."

Requirements for graduate school are: a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university; an acceptable grade point average received as an undergraduate, and the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) must be taken. Applications should be submitted by the deadline date Feb. 10, 1992 for admission and Jan. 6, 1992 for consideration of fellowships and/or graduate minority scholarship funding. Applications received well before the deadline date have the best chance for approval.

Information regarding the various graduate programs and financial assistance can be obtained by telephoning (510) 642-3238 (collect) or writing to: American Indian Graduate Program, 140 Earl Warren Hall, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720.

### CN Head Start begins food program

The Creek Nation Head Start announces its participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program. All participants in attendance will be offered the same meals at no separate charge and with no physical segregation of, or other discrimination against any participant because of race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap. The Child and Adult Care Food Program is an equal opportunity program. If you believe you have been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap, write immediately to the State Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs, 2500 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4599, or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250. This statement applies to these centers: Yeager, Eufaula, Okmulgee and Sapulpa.

### Legal Notice

(Published in *The Muscogee Nation News*, November edition)

In the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

In the matter of the Application of Fredrick Elliott Brown to Change His Name Case No. CV.91-03

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that Fredrick Elliott Brown has filed in the above Court a Petition to have his name changed as follows, to wit: From Fredrick Elliott Brown to Fredrick Elliott Smith and that the same will be heard by the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation at the Creek Nation Tribal Courthouse at Okmulgee, Oklahoma on the 20th day of November, 1991, at 9:00 o'clock A.M.; and that any person may file a written protest in the case, prior to the date set for the hearing.



## Creek Nation deaths

### Betty Sue Tulsa

MOUNDS -- Betty Sue Tulsa, 42, of Mounds, died Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Claremore Indian Hospital. Betty was born Oct. 27, 1948 in Claremore. She was a housewife and a member of Pickett Chapel Methodist Church. Services were held October 17th at the Pickett Chapel Methodist Church with the Rev. Mike Harjo officiating. Survivors include her husband John Tulsa; daughters Nancy and Andrea Tulsa, all of the home; one son, Frank Tulsa of Mounds; one stepson, Gary Tulsa of Tulsa; sisters Augustine Willie of Okmulgee and Martha Bigpond of Tulsa. Pallbearers were Garry Berryhill, Scott Bigpond, Gilbert Matthews, Fred Sapulpa, Sonny Bigpond and Carlin Thompson.

## In brief

### Indian Health Service, local water districts, need cooperation

OKMULGEE -- Many Oklahoma cities, towns and water districts are experiencing problems with providing safe and adequate water supply or waste disposal facilities for people within their jurisdiction. The Indian Health Service is often asked by these towns or districts to help fund water or sewer improvement projects.

Before IHS can assist a water or sewer district, a list of all Indian homes which might benefit from the project is required. Residents may receive a flyer in the mail or have someone from the water district ask for copies of Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) cards. At least one person in the home must have a CDIB card to qualify for IHS assistance.

"In general, the more Indian homes within a district, the greater the amount of funding IHS can provide," said Renwick Adams, IHS field engineer. "This helps keep everyone's water and sewer bills down, so please cooperate with requests for CDIB tallies."

Adams said water district representatives should be able to identify themselves to the homeowners upon request.

### Nebraska public radio seeks manager

LINCOLN, Neb. -- The Native American Public Broadcasting Consortium is seeking a development and marketing manager. NAPBC is a non-profit educational entity whose business is to produce and encourage the production and successful use of quality public telecommunications programs by and about Native Americans for both Native American and general audiences. Bachelor's degree with major in business administration and fund raising required; equivalency considered. Send cover letter and resume by Jan. 4

### Anderson Berryhill

OKMULGEE -- Anderson (Shorty) Joseph Berryhill, 62, a resident of Okmulgee, died Tuesday, Oct. 22 in Okmulgee. He was born April 6, 1929 in Okemah. He married Ruby Lee Sealy in 1953. Berryhill was a retired locksmith and longtime resident of Okmulgee. He was also a member of Creek Chapel Methodist Church. Survivors include: his wife Ruby Berryhill, Okmulgee; two daughters, Vicki Obregon of Tulsa and Carolyn Goncalec of Houston, Tex; two sisters, Maxine Jackson of Schuler and Betty Shawnee of Tulsa; his mother Lena Berryhill of Okmulgee and four grandchildren. Services were held Oct. 25 at Creek Chapel Methodist Church with Rev. Louis Harjo officiating. Interment was in the Creek Chapel Cemetery.

(or until filled) to: personnel coordinator, University Television/NAPBC, Box 83111, Lincoln, NE, 68501.

### OSU needing part-time assistants

OKMULGEE -- The Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service will hire four half-time program assistants to deliver agriculture related school enrollment programs to grades third through seventh. Program delivery will be made in schools within the Creek Nation boundary with a high Indian population. One program assistant will be located in each of the following counties: Creek, Okfuskee, Okmulgee and Wagoner.

Compensation is \$6 an hour, twenty hours a week. Schedule can be flexible, but no more than 40 hours in a two week period. Travel funds are available. Training will be provided.

Contact the OSU Extension Center in one of the above counties. Submit a letter of interest, completed job application and a current resume outlining qualifications and related skills.

Application deadline is Dec. 2. For more information contact Doug Maxey at (918) 756-1958.

### Depression screening available

OKMULGEE -- The Hospital and Outpatient Psychiatric Evaluation Unit of the Okmulgee Memorial Hospital is holding a depression screening clinic Dec. 10. The 3:30 p.m. meeting will be held in the lower level classroom at the hospital. For more information call 758-3300. The clinic is sponsored by H.O.P.E. and the Creek Nation Children and Family Services department.

### Chilocco Christmas party set

TULSA -- The annual Chilocco/Haskell Christmas party and dance will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Tulsa, Nov. 30. Festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and include the banquet and dance. For more

### Judy Mae Asbury

OKEMAH -- Judy Mae Asbury, a resident of the Ryal Community, died Nov. 1 in Okemah. She was born April 4, 1933 to Lewis and Wysie (Scott) Soweka. She was active in church work. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Jacob Soweka. Survivors include her husband Willie Asbury and one son, Norman Asbury of Tulsa; two brothers, Bunnie Soweka and Robert Soweka; two sisters, Billie Scott and Alice Tulsa, all of the Ryal community. Wake service was Nov. 3 and funeral services Nov. 5 at the Ryal Community Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Jones officiating. Interment was in the Soweka family cemetery. Pallbearers were Gerge Hill, Lewis Tulsa, John Wayne Tulsa, Chubby Soweka, Richard Soweka and Harry Tulsa.

information call Eugene or Sue Alford at (918) 583-8871.

### Five Tribes museum winners

MUSKOGEE -- Troy Anderson's "Across the Mountain", an acrylic painting, won "Best of Show" in the Five Civilized Tribes Museum's 15th annual Masters Exhibition. The show began October 18 with the presentation of awards in the museum art gallery. The exhibit will run through Nov. 11. The museum's collection of internationally known painters and sculptors is featured in this prestigious show. The show is sponsored by the Fort Howard Foundation.

Benjamin Harjo Jr. was awarded "Honorable Mention" in the graphics category for "Old Time Indian".

### Sapulpan wins photo contest

SAPULPA -- Travis Screechowl won the sweepstakes award, six blue ribbons and two red ribbons in photography at the 1991 Creek County Fair.

A photograph of his niece on the Lake Michigan shore entitled "The Little Girl and the Sea", which placed first in the Eastman Kodak National Photo Exhibit category, was also the sweepstakes award winner.

Screechowl placed first in the four outstanding photo series of people doing something, the four outstanding photo series of different subjects, and two best individual photo categories. He placed second in the four outstanding photo series of people and the best individual photo category.

His postmark collection placed first and his fine art entry placed third.

All ten exhibits will now compete at the state level at the 1991 Tulsa State Fair.

Screechowl is the son of Ed and Janice Screechowl, Sapulpa.

Send your submissions to the  
Muscogee Nation News  
P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447



## Ballots

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tive races.

"I want to know where the votes went," said Ellis of his petition.

Members of the tribal Supreme Court and District Court Judge Pat Moore ordered a recount and dismissed all the Okmulgee district absentee ballots. The absentee ballots were dismissed because the absentee results were not posted by 7 p.m. election day, as required by tribal ordinance.

Tony Hale lost enough ballots to finish out of the run-off for second chief while the two Okmulgee Council candidates ended in a tie.

"That wasn't fair to any of the candidates," Hale said.

Hale filed a petition seeking to be placed on the Dec. 7 ballot. He said the court had exceeded its jurisdiction.

Principal Chief Claude Cox convened the National Council to have the court change its decision.

A majority of the Council asked the court to reconsider and to put its order in writing.

The next day, the court did reconsider. This time, they declared all of the absentee ballots void.

The decision did not affect the run-offs for chief and second chief, but did alter three Council races.

## Council

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The following list includes results for each Council seat:

### Creek District:

- A- Earl Wheeler (i) def Ellis Haikey
- B- Roy Bear, unopposed
- C- Clarence Cloud (i) def Gene Bigpond
- D- Mose Chawee (i), unopposed

### Hughes-Seminole:

- A- Dwayne Lowe def Cora Beaver
- B- Charley Franks def Robert Buck (i)
- C- Darrell Coachman def J.W. Buck (i)

### McIntosh District:

- A- Tommy Newton (i), unopposed
- B- Wilson Bear def Frank Kamp (i)
- C- Sandy McIntosh (i) def Vern Courtwright and Daniel Harjo
- D- Tommy Pickering def Susie Deere

### Muskogee District:

- A- Helen Chupco (i), unopposed
- B- Harley Little (i), unopposed

### Okfuskee District:

- A- Clyde Johnson (i), unopposed
- B- Eugene Birdcreek (i) def Bill Burden
- C- Hepsie Mae Jackson (i), unopposed
- D- Judy Roberts def Billy Williams

### Okmulgee District:

- A- Harvey Gilroy (i), unopposed
- B- Tom Berryhill (i), unopposed
- C- Charlie Litsey (i) def Claude Cox
- D- George Almerigi (i), unopposed

The decision set off several protests, including Cox, who said the last decision was "way out of line."

"The court decided that absentees do not have a right to vote," Cox said.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Joe Johnson said the blame is not with the court, but with the law.

"Our responsibility is to carry out the law, not to decide if it's a good law or bad one," Johnson said. "It is unfair to the people who lost votes."

Johnson suggested the election board should hire enough people to count ballots and meet the 7 p.m. deadline.

Election Board chair Phyllis Warrington told the Council Nov. 13 that compliance with the law will not be as difficult because there will be less ballots to count in this election than the primary.

Cox agreed saying to count the Dec. 7 ballots "won't be as big of a job as the last (election)."

"If there is a problem with the procedures, the election board is supposed to make recommendations to the Council," Cox said.

Barring any changes or other developments, the Dec. 7 election will be conducted by procedures and with the Oct. 26 results, Warrington told the Council.

E- George Tiger def Bill Jones

F- James Hale def A.D. Ellis

### Tulsa District:

- A- Larry Bible (i), unopposed
- B- Irene Cleghorn (i), unopposed
- C- Don Cahwee def Rick Wilde
- D- Jerry Wilson (i), unopposed
- E- Pat Kelly def Pam Osmun
- F- Run-off: Donna Rhodes (i) vs. Pat Clark

### Wagoner District:

- A- Mike Berryhill (i)
- B- Helen Duncan (i) def German Thomas

## Second Chief

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Hale said he had not worried at any time during the election, but admitted he was bothered by the recent court decisions.

Hale filed a petition in tribal district court against the election board, though he's uncertain if he would proceed with it.

"Granted, I'm in the run-off, and I'm thankful for that," Hale said. "But if we don't count their votes, they won't get representation. I want to do what I can to get that changed."

Both candidates said they would encourage voters to get out and vote.

## Voters to consider amending the tribal constitution

Tribal voters will consider three separate questions to amend the Muscogee (Creek) Constitution when voting in the Dec. 7 general election.

The proposed amendments would limit the terms of the principal chief, require National Council representatives to live in a district for one year before seeking office and clarifies language regarding unopposed candidates in an election.

The proposed amendments have been approved by two-thirds of the tribal National Council earlier this year.

The amendments read as follows:

-- Shall the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation be amended at Article 5 section 4 to read: The executive power shall be vested in and shall be known as the Office of the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The principal chief shall hold office during a term of four (4) years upon election by a majority of the votes cast. The term of office shall begin the first Monday in the new calendar year (January). No person shall serve the office of chief more than two (2) consecutive terms for which he/she is elected;

-- Shall the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation be amended at Article 4 section 4 to read: No candidate shall be considered elected: (a) unless the candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, or (b) when a candidate is unopposed for office he/she shall be automatically declared the winner; and

-- Shall the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation be amended at Article 4 section 2(b) to read: Each representative shall be a legal resident of his/her district for a full calendar year.

The tribal constitution requires a two-thirds majority approval of voters to amend.

Crow said she wants all locals who vote absentee to change their registration and vote at the precinct.

"The main thing is, I want the people to get out and vote," Crow said. "People can still register at the precinct and I want every citizens' vote to count."

Hale urged voters not to be confused by the court decisions.

"The bottom line is, we need to do what's right," Hale said.

Precinct registration continues until Nov. 27. The general election is scheduled Dec. 7.



## Council Oak

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look back to and tell me when I'm making a mistake," he said referring to the ceremonies. "We may not be back (next year), some of us may be gone," he said stressing the importance of respecting and listening to Mvskoke elders.

Greenleaf and Duck Creek Ceremonial Ground chiefs Toney Hill and Simon Harry participated in the lighting of the fire.

A commemoration to Dode McIntosh was made by Chinnubie McIntosh, his son. The elder McIntosh was the last Creek chief appointed by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior. McIntosh, who died at age 98 last August, was chief from 1961 through 1971.

"Young people, I just heard a tremendous challenge. Learn what he (Frank) had to say; if you don't know ask any of these elders," said McIntosh referring to the front row of ceremonial ground chiefs and leaders.

Creek specialty dances and regular dancing were held at Veterans Park (formerly Boulder Park) following the ceremony. Participating were Arbeka, Duck Creek, Fish

Pond, Greenleaf, Hickory Ground, Hillabee, Sand Creek and Tallahassee ceremonial Nuyaka, Okfuskee, Peach Ground, Polecat, grounds.



Mekkos and leaders are reverent during the benediction at the Sixth Annual Council Oak Ceremony held Nov. 10 at the Council Oak in Tulsa.

## Clothing

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### School Clothing guidelines

Household size	Annual Income	Monthly income
1	10,990	916.83
2	14,735	1,227.92
3	18,480	1,540.00
4	22,225	1,852.08
5	25,970	2,164.17
6	29,715	2,476.25
7	33,460	2,788.33
8	37,205	3,100.42
9	40,950	3,412.50

#### Dates and Locations

Applications taken from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### Nov. 19 - Okfuskee District

Okemah Indian Community Center, 2 blocks south of I-40 on hwy 27

#### Nov. 20- Hughes-Seminole District

Holdenville Indian Community Center, 416 E. Poplar

#### Nov. 21- McIntosh District

Eufaula Indian Community Center, 800 Forrest Ave.

#### Nov. 26-Okmulgee District

Okmulgee Indian Community Center, 2700 N. Miami

#### Dec. 2- Muskogee District

Muskogee Indian Community Center, 111 S. Virginia

#### Dec. 3- Tulsa District

Native American Coalition Bldg., 1740 W. 41st, Tulsa

#### Dec. 4- Creek District

Kellyville Indian Community Center, Silver Dollar Ballroom, U.S. 66

#### Dec. 5-Wagoner District

Koweta Indian Community Center, one-quarter mile east of Ben Lumpkin Rd. on North St.

them in behalf of their minor child.

-- applicant must provide the name and town of the store from where the clothing will be purchased.

-- applicant must provide a full, accurate mailing address for their residence, including a zip code.

Please allow thirty (30) days from the date your application was taken to expect receipt of your check. No information regarding processing of checks will be available through the tribal administration or the Children and Family Services Department. If the check is not received by the 31st day, please

inform the Children and Family Services Department at 313 E. Eighth St., Okmulgee, OK 74447, in writing, to request a "stop payment" on the check. Information or requests by phone will not be accepted.

Because of the delayed scheduling in appropriation of these funds, the Children and Family Services Department is unable to guarantee that the checks will be received prior to Dec. 25.

Applicants residing outside the geographical boundaries of the service area, are to apply in writing. These applicants must provide an original, signed statement requesting

the Children and Family Services staff to process an application in their child's behalf, in their absence.

After applications from the field sites have been processed, any excess funds will be redistributed to meet the needs in other districts in January. A waiting list will be maintained from each county, after all applications are taken. All grants are made available on a first-come-first-serve basis. The official sign-in sheet will be available from the staff only.

Any disorderly or disruptive conduct will result in suspension from the program.



# Rufo-ra'kko (Big Winter) December

Net'tv-ca'ko SUNDAY	Mv'nte MONDAY	Tu'ste TUESDAY	Net'tvca'kuce-en nvrkvp'v WEDNESDAY	Rv'ste THURSDAY	Fli'te FRIDAY	Nettv-ca'ko-cu'se SATURDAY
<b>1</b> ■ Listed by date and time are chartered community meetings	<b>2</b> Eufaula youth skate, 6:15 p.m. Kellyville, 7 p.m. Muskogee, 7:30 p.m. Wetumka, 7 p.m.	<b>3</b> Tulsa, 6:30 p.m. Okla. City, 7 p.m. Okfuskee, 7 p.m.	<b>4</b> Beggs, 7 p.m.	<b>5</b> Okemah, 7 p.m. Tulsa Christmas program	<b>6</b> New Moon	<b>7</b> Hanna food bingo 7 p.m. General election, polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Okmulgee Christmas Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Sapulpa, 7 p.m. Hanna, 7 p.m. Okmulgee, 7 p.m. Beggs, 7 p.m.	<b>10</b> Checotah, 6 p.m. Glenpool, 6:30 p.m.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Okemah food bingo 7 p.m.
<b>15</b> Bill of Rights Day	<b>16</b> Bristow, 7 p.m. Holdenville, 7 p.m. Wilson, 7 p.m. Koweta, 7:30 p.m.	<b>17</b> Dewar, 7 p.m.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Okemah, 7 p.m.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Full Moon
<b>22</b> Winter Begins	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Tribal offices closed Newtown Christmas program, 5:30 p.m.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Eufaula, 7 p.m.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Yardeka, 7 30 p.m.	<b>30</b> Weleetka, 7 p.m.	<b>31</b> Tribal offices closed New Year's Eve				

MNN December deadline: Nov. 21

## Commodity distribution

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Commodity Program makes stops at 12 Indian community centers monthly.

Distribution sites include:

Hanna	Second Tuesday
Coweta	First and third Tuesday
Eufaula	First and third Thursday
Okemah	First and third Wednesday
Holdenville	First and third Tuesday
Weleetka	Fourth Tuesday
Wetumka	Second Thursday
Checotah	Second and fourth Thursday
Dewar	Second and fourth Wednesday
Glenpool	First and third Wednesday
*Bristow	First and third Thursday
**Kellyville	First and third Thursday

Times: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\* 9 a.m.-noon.

\*\* 1 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information or an application contact the: Commodity Food Distribution Program, Creek Nation Complex, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447, or phone (918) 756-3467.

## Tribal phone numbers

### Creek Nation Administration

P.O. Box 580  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 756-8700  
Fax: (918) 756-3340.

### Departments/ Extensions

Principal Chief  
Claude Cox 200  
Natural resources  
Buddy York 397  
Personnel  
Emanuel Morgan 350

### National Council

Speaker: Ken Childers  
P.O. Box 158  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 758-1410, 1415, 1416.

### Children & Family Services

313 W. Eighth  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 756-2112.

### Judicial Branch

P.O. Box 652  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 758-1400 or 1412.

### Creek Nation Housing Authority

P.O. Box 297  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
Phone: (918) 756-8504  
Fax: (918) 756-9218

### Commodity Warehouse

Manager: Charley LaSarge  
1008 Eufaula Street  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 756-2917, 3467 or 3002.

### Creek Nation Health Care System

Creek Nation Community Hospital, Okemah  
(918) 623-1424  
Okmulgee Dental Clinic  
(918) 756-8700, Ext. 247, 254  
Creek Nation Community Hospital Clinic, Okemah  
(918) 623-0555  
Sapulpa Indian Health Clinic  
(918) 224-9310  
Eufaula Indian Health Clinic  
(918) 689-2547





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## Fife wins!

*"The people have spoken," says new chief*

**B**ill Fife says he is both awed and ready to assume the highest office of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

"Being chief is a tremendous responsibility," said Fife. "I'm aware of the sacrifice it takes to be a good chief, but I'm also ready to begin in a new direction."

Nearly 60 percent of the voters chose Fife, over current Second Chief Perry Beaver, in the Dec. 7 general election. Fife becomes only the second elected Creek chief since 1971.

Fife said his support came from the strength of the local voters. He won 16 of 17 of the local precincts.

"I think this election demonstrated that people want to get involved," said the chief-elect. "I had church people, ceremonial people and professionals involved. People are getting more educated to what the tribal gov-

ernment is about."

Fife said he is very pleased with the margin of victory. "I am glad (the victory) was so decisive," Fife said. "To me, this says people are ready for some new direction."

The victory celebration was far shorter than the campaign. Fife began work on the transition for his new administration the Monday following the election.

He said he had the assurances of outgoing Principal Chief Claude Cox that the transition period would not be made difficult. Of course, there has never been a transition for a new administration.

Fife said his plans are basic for now.



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Bill Fife, left, is congratulated by Curly Fish of Hanna, at Fife's watch party, after receiving the results of the general election.

Among them are reorganization of the administration and planning.

"I want to get well-qualified people in the top administrative positions," Fife said. "The office of administration needs to be

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## Creek Santa Claus delivers cheer

by Stephanie Berryhill  
MNN Associate Editor

**L**ike many politicians, you will see Jake Ellis once a year. You may find him visiting elders, kissing babies and giving children candy.

You might see him driving his convertible, wearing his red suit, smiling and waving at motorists, often pulling over to talk.

He is on a campaign, a mission of sorts, but not for political office. His is a public relations campaign to restore the belief in Santa Claus.

When asked what motivates him to don the red suit and white beard, the spry 73 year-old replies, "kids say Santa Claus only stays in the stores and I wanted to change that image of what the little ones thought."

Last Christmas season, Ellis estimates he



Jake Ellis

put 3,000 miles on his one-half ton "sleigh", which covers 50 miles per gallon. For Ellis, a retired City of Tulsa employee, the Christmas

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## Crow wins the second chief race

**T**he second chief-elect says she is ready to go to work at "whatever the principal chief needs".

Shelly Crow of Tulsa, defeated Tony Hale of Okmulgee, with 51 percent of the vote, in the Dec. 7 general election.

Crow, chair of the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board, said she is glad the race is over.

"It took a lot of work," Crow said. "This is a victory for the people and I couldn't have done this without their support and encouragement."

Crow is a nursing instructor at the University of Tulsa. She is married to John Crow II. They have two children, Leslie and John III.

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## Reader offers ideas for new tribal leadership

Reference: The MNN October 1991 editorial "Make Your Voice Heard".

One would hope that the candidates, upon their election, would try to implement some of the ideas generated when speaking to the people.

The following is a list of possibilities that need not be dreams, but could be realities if the elected officials choose to work in harmony as the servants of their people. These ideas are not the brainstorm of any particular person, but rather, represent the collective views of many citizens. This letter is an attempt to non-offensively exhibit the suggestions.

To the newly-elected principal chief and second chief:

- seek the acclamation of the traditional chiefs prior to inauguration. Their cooperation and collective voice might be helpful. Use them as an advisory board, officially or unofficially;

- seek also, the voice and blessing of the Indian communities. Their needs should not be denied;

- request a joint meeting of the executive, judicial and legislative branches of our government to record the things that can be agreed upon and that can be accomplished through cooperation; and

- fill all those "directorships" with reliable and competent people, most of which should be Muscogee citizens. Seek the advice of the National Council, prior to placing them on the agenda, for their approval.

To the newly elected National Council:

- sanction Muscogee Nation non-profit corporation for children and youth organizations, for economic development groups, for the preservation of language and cultural heritage and for many other purposes.

Pass legislation to:

- empower an enlarged Muscogee Nation police department, lighthorsemen or other;

- organize local, traditional, mediation courts to handle marriages, divorces, custody and property disputes, civil cases, misdemeanor criminal offenses and local child protective matters within our jurisdiction;

- authorize the purchase of land, acre by acre, to be used and retained by our people, not for resale, but to remain in trust or tribal status;

- develop, aside from U.S. Housing and Urban Development projects, affordable and reliable housing that can be built by the people who need housing (there must be something we can mix our sand with to make some

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## Now is the time for healing

# A brave new world

Editorial by Jim Wolfe  
The Muscogee Nation News

It's over.

After months of campaigning, that was replete with court decisions, meetings, charges, recounts and two elections, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will have a new principal chief in January.

Bill Fife, the Okfuskee District Representative to the National Council, is the decisive winner of the tribe's general election.

Anything less than a convincing victory would not have worked as well, nor been as savored as Fife must savor this - his most successful election.

By collecting nearly 60 percent of the vote and winning 16 of the 17 local precincts, Bill Fife's "people campaign" received a clear mandate.

Change.

Not the wholesale, change for the sake of change. Most needed is the change of direction and leadership. Such change can only begin at the top of the tribal government.

Certainly there are areas of this government that need changing. Drastically.

To some extent, there is relief that the campaign is over. Yes, there were tense moments, unkind words and dirty deeds.

The chief-elect says he expected such, as he has run for higher office before, including his 1987 race for principal chief that ended in

controversy.

"The campaign is over," Fife said.

The pain of the personal attacks has been soothed by the salve of victory. It only hurts for a little while.

It's time now for the nation to come together and begin the healing process. In this new era, there must be room for all: tribal towns, ceremonial grounds, Methodists, Baptists, independents, the poor, the affluent, the weak and the strong.

Part of the transition of power must include a new definition of service. Let us begin to think of others and how this nation can be made whole.

"I'm going to treat all citizens equal and fair and do the best job possible to serve Creek and Yuchi people," Fife said.

If all things are relative, then the easy part is finished. No one can anticipate how difficult is the work before the new chief.

He will need support. Fife must know that he is not alone in the pursuit of greatness. His commitment to that most high calling of service cannot be borne by him alone.

"We've completed our political process," said Fife. "Now is the time to go to work."

The people can dare to dream in this brave new world.

Let us then, come together with a common purpose and cause. So great a challenge requires the resources of all.

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magnificent bricks);

-- develop local substance abuse programs or facilities, so that persons desiring to recover need not leave their communities (they should be designed to meet the needs of our people);

-- authorize the tribal status of Muscogee Nation tribes (Hecete, Vlvpmu, Kovsvte, Thlophlokko, Yuce, etc.) and assist them in their endeavors...at the very least, put the tribal town on the Muscogee citizenship card.

Working together, the branches of government could:

-- preserve our language(s) by seeing that head start is taught in the Mvskoke (or other appropriate tribal) language - called language immersion;

-- preserve our language(s) by developing "language nests" (communities where only the tribal language is spoken and educational instruction in English is as a second language);

-- officially request that the Mvskoke language be taught in local public schools in which our population is significant;

-- develop our own community school systems;

-- make our own license tags and drivers licenses;

-- organize self-governing Indian communities, both rural and urban, on tribal-trust-restricted Indian land(s);

## Campaign Gratitude

Editor:

I would like to say Mvto to all McIntosh District voters who supported me in the race for National Council.

**Daniel Harjo, Hanna**

Editor:

The Kellyville Indian Community would like to thank the Honorable Chief Cox for all the assistance he gave to our community. Good luck and God bless you on your retirement.

**Charles Watashe, Kellyville**

Editor's note: Watashe is the Kellyville Indian Community reporter.

Editor:

The Koweta Indian Community Center wishes to take this time and thank our Chief Claude Cox for the many things he has accomplished for the tribe and for the last twenty years in office.

We, the people of the Koweta Indian Community Center, are proud of the beautiful

## A prayer request from Chief-elect Bill Fife

It is with humility that I begin the work you have elected me to do. I am aware of the tremendous responsibility that is before me, but I believe I am ready to bear that burden. I am asking all people; mekkos, pastors, churches, ceremonial grounds, tribal towns, communities and others for your support and your prayers. I ask not just for myself, but for my family, my new administration and the other people and organizations of the Muscogee (Creek) tribal government. I also ask for prayer for the retiring Principal Chief Claude Cox -- that he have good health and enjoy his retirement. Mvto.

Sincerely,

**Bill Fife, Principal Chief-elect, Muscogee (Creek) Nation**

-- reorganize tribal children and family services and rethink the strategy;

-- organize and fund community youth programs, including but not limited to sports and cultural activities;

-- assist in getting cooperatives started (for) grocery, seed and feed stores, community infant care, etc.;

-- do something about appropriate housing for our Mvskoke speaking elders;

-- organize income-producing activities for our middle-aged unemployed;

-- use the college students funded with tribal money in "field placements" (or practicums) within the Muscogee Nation whenever possible; and

-- Develop tribal-community business, seasonal employment programs, tourist industry - guided tours, "guaranteed-bag" hunting industry, water sports and back-woods challenge, cattle ranching, tanning, leather goods, dairy farming and production, manufacturing, firewood, food merchandising, woodworking; furniture building, restaurants, *ad infinitum*.

Overall, we have a difficult road behind us and a challenging one ahead. The particular paths we choose at this juncture may mean much to our people, or may mean that we have chosen to wait or argue once too often and come closer to ambiguity.

Respectfully submitted,  
**K.T. (Hutkey) Fields, Verden**

center we have to meet in for the monthly meetings, the elderly nutrition program and for fellowship. Mvto.

**Virginia Bell, Coweta**

Editor:

To all of the Creek Citizens: In behalf of my family, I want to extend my appreciation to those who supported me in the recent election for the office of principal chief.

During this time of the holiday season, I want to wish each of you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. God bless you.

**Perry Beaver, Jenks**

Editor:

I want to thank again the many people who supported me for second chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. You people have touched me with your encouragement and prayers.

I ask for your continued support as I begin working for you as second chief. Mvto. Thanks from the heart.

**Shelly Stubbs Crow, Tulsa**

Editor:

I would like to address the dispute over absentee ballots. It is obvious that the constitutional rights of absentee voters were violated during this election. The best answer seems to be removal of the current judges and replacing them with ones who will uphold the constitution and not back special interests. The "good ol' boys" who use the court for their own benefit must learn it won't be tolerated.

To Mr. Fife and the others who did their disgraceful deed, I say only, you stole my rights because I was not there to defend them. Now, like other absentee voters, I will be watching you and we also have lawyers.

**Jesse A. Jones Jr. Coffeyville, Kan.**

Editor's note: The tribal Supreme Court decision resulted from the failure of the election board to comply with tribal ordinance regarding the posting of absentee ballot totals. Your anger is misdirected.

The petitions were filed by Thomas Yahola and A.D. Ellis. Chief-elect Bill Fife had nothing to do with the decision.



## Communities ready for feasting, fellowship, Christmas and Santa

### Kellyville

A Christmas dinner will be held at the Kellyville Indian Community center at noon, on Dec. 21.

The community will also be making candy sacks for community children ages 12 and under.

The community wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, said Charles Watashe, community reporter.

Community members celebrating birthdays this month are Chris Baker, Beverly Watashe, Dorothy Lee, James and Charles Watashe.

The community members wish them a "happy birthday and many more," Watashe said.

### Wetumka

Wetumka Indian Community will have a Christmas dinner at for its elders Dec. 20.

The program will begin at 11 a.m. with the dinner following at noon.

The elders recent Thanksgiving dinner had an attendance of 95, said Frances Tiger, community reporter. The Thanksgiving sermon was given by Rev. Willie Herrod, pastor of Tookparfka Baptist Church

Community members Billie Barnes and Lillie Canard sew at the community center each day. Individuals interested in purchasing their quilts may call (405) 452-3131 for a price list.

### Tulsa

Tulsa Creek Indian Community will hold its Christmas dinner from 1 to 4:30 p.m., Dec. 14. The potluck dinner will be held at the Whiteside Recreation Center, located at 4009 S. Pittsburgh, between Harvard and Yale on 41st Street. The community will provide the turkey.

Santa Claus will be present.

The community's new officers are Rick Wilde, chair; Okema Randall, vice-chair; Paula Perkins, secretary; Teddy McHenry, treasurer and Earl King, sergeant at arms.

### Beggs

Beggs Indian Community will raffle off a handmade quilt at 7 p.m., Dec. 20.

Tickets may be purchased from community members for a \$1 donation.

The raffle will be held at the Beggs Housing Authority. Refreshments will be served and a door prize will be given away.



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

George and Lizzie Bruner are entertained by Roosevelt Derrisaw, while Alice Bruner visits old friends at the Thanksgiving dinner held for area elders in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Capitol Complex Nutrition Center.

### Eufaula

A Christmas party for Eufaula Indian Community children will be held at 9 a.m., Dec. 21. Santa Claus will be at the party giving away presents.

Marissa Lewis and Bryan Holt were crowned Eufaula Indian Community Little Miss and little brave last month. The children recently represented the community in both the Eufaula and Muskogee Christmas parades.

The community is holding a coed volleyball tournament at 9 a.m., Dec. 21 at the Eufaula Boarding School gymnasium.

The tournament is limited to 12 teams and a nine-person roster. The \$40 entry fee is due Dec. 18. First and second place winners will be given t-shirts. The third place winner will be awarded a trophy. Male and female most valuable player trophies will also be given.

### Oklahoma City

A Christmas dinner will be given by the Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association Dec. 14.

The potluck dinner will be from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Ham and turkey will be provided by the association.

The dinner will be held at the 45th Infantry Armory, located at 200 N.E. 23rd.

### Checotah

Checotah Indian Community's Santa Claus will be giving away presents to children that are signed up for its Christmas program. The festivities will begin 7 p.m., Dec. 17.

The community has pledged \$7,000 to the construction of the Checotah Little League's ballpark. The community sponsors four Checotah Little League teams each summer.

### Glenpool

Elders and children's Christmas programs are scheduled this month at the Glenpool Indian Community center.

The children's program will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Dec. 21 in the activity building. Refreshments will be served and the special guest will be Santa.

The elders Christmas program will begin 2 p.m., Dec. 21 in the meeting room. Dinner will be served and gifts will be given. Individuals attending may bring a covered dish.

### Koweta

Koweta Indian Community's Christmas dinner will be held at 6 p.m., Dec. 16. Those attending should bring a covered dish.

### Duck Creek

At 5 p.m., Dec. 14 Duck Creek Indian Community will hold a potluck Christmas dinner. The dinner will be held at the Liberty Mounds School cafeteria.

The community will raffle off a Pendleton blanket at the dinner.

### Bristow

Bristow Indian Community's Christmas dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 16. The community will furnish meat for the potluck dinner. Community members may bring one guest.

Members will be giving out Christmas sacks of fruit, nuts and candy to all in attendance.

New community officers for 1992 are





Okemah Randall was one of two Tulsa Creeks honored by the All Nations Indian Youth. The group is an intertribal youth club based in Tulsa. Andy Lowe was also recognized. Both were presented Pendleton blankets at the club's Thanksgiving dinner. Randall said the pair was chosen because the youth "would like to pattern their lives after us."

## OC Community changes social services policies

OKLAHOMA CITY -- The Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association will begin its social services programs in January.

According to a release from the OCMA Board of Directors, eligible Creek tribal members residing in the Oklahoma City metropolitan service area could be eligible for social welfare or emergency assistance.

Programs and eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Rent at \$75 per household. Must be an enrolled Creek citizen, must have eviction notice from landlord, with address and must have lease or rental verification. One-time assistance only;

- Utilities assistance for enrolled Creeks with a cut-off notice. One-time assistance only, for \$75;

- Eye glasses for enrolled Creeks. Must meet income guidelines and show income verification. One-time assistance for only two family members. Must bring statement from optical company that balance due is \$50.

- Food vouchers for enrolled Creeks meeting income guidelines. Must show proof of family relations. One-time \$30-70 assistance only; and

- School clothing for enrolled Creek students. Must be enrolled in Oklahoma, Canadian, Pottawatomie, Logan or Cleveland public schools. Verification from school principal or letter with exceptions, for Indian boarding school students. Limit \$50 per student, up to \$150 per household.

Beginning in January, OCMA offices will be open Monday and Tuesdays only. The first week of each month will be for senior citizens (60 or over) and new applicants only. Only 15 applications per day will be taken. For school clothing vouchers, priority will be given to boarding school students' applications, the first week in August. Households only eligible for two (2) types of assistance per year.

According to a prepared release, the OCMA board of directors has implemented these policies because of a drastic cut in fiscal year 1992 social welfare funding from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The OCMA office is located at 711 S.W. 29th, Oklahoma City. The phone number is (405) 632-5872. Monthly community meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m.

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Judy Riley, chair; Tommy Watson, vice-chair and Pat Presson, secretary-treasurer.

Community officers recently represented the community in the Bristow Parade of Lights.

### Okmulgee

Okmulgee Indian Community is donating \$100 each to the five local Indian churches for the Christmas season. The churches are Big Cussetah Methodist, First Indian Baptist, Fundamental Indian Baptist, Newtown Methodist, and Okmulgee Indian Baptist.

Community members attending its recent Christmas dinner received Christmas sacks, and either socks, gloves, a stocking cap, or a scarf.

### Muskogee

Muskogee Indian Community is donating food baskets to needy families. The Christmas baskets will be given to 10 area families.

The community's nutrition center has been approved by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. Community officers are in the process of selecting a contractor to remodel the center, said Loretta Purdin, community secretary.

### Hanna

A potluck Christmas dinner will be given by Hanna Indian Community at noon on Dec. 21. Candy sacks will also be given.

At 6 p.m., Dec. 14 a pie supper will be held. Following the supper will be food bingo at 7 p.m. The proceeds will fund the community's Christmas activities.

### Holdenville

Holdenville Indian Community had an attendance of around 150 at its Thanksgiving dinner, said Fred Lowe, community chair.

### Sapulpa

Sapulpa Indian Community's Christmas dinner will be held Dec. 14. The potluck dinner will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the community office.

The office is located at 1030 E. Taft, Suite 110 in the Creek Hills Mall.

For more information, call the office at 227-3234.

### Okemah

The Okemah Indian Community Christmas party will be held at 4 p.m., Dec. 21.

The community will serve refreshments and give gifts to the community Indian children.

Around 100 people attended the community's Thanksgiving dinner, said Rebecca Stroud, community reporter.

Food bingo will be held at 7 p.m., Dec 14 this month.

### Weleetka

Weleetka Indian Community's Christmas dinner and program is Dec. 16. The 6:30 p.m. dinner is potluck.

The community will be giving out Christmas sacks to all in attendance.

The community had 50 people attend its recent Thanksgiving dinner.



# Lights, camera, action!

## Several Creeks to appear in *The Last of the Mohicans* remake

by Stephanie Berryhill  
MNN Associate Editor

The remake of director Michael Mann's movie, "The Last of the Mohicans", could have been called the "The Last of the Mvskokes."

Last summer, several area Creeks were cast as extras in the movie.

Brent and Brant Beaver, ages 22, participated in the movie. The twins spent two weeks at the film's shooting location near Ashville, N.C.

Brent portrayed a Huron warrior. His dress consisted of a wool breechcloth, leather leggings and war paint. Brent's dress was accessorized with a flint rifle and tomahawk. His hair was also shaved in a fashion "sort of like the Hare Krishna's."

Brent, who auditioned at Forward Pass Production's casting call held at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Mound building, said it was the opportunity of a lifetime. "I thought it would be pretty exciting to do something different."

Though he enjoyed the experience, he said the film industry is more complex than he'd anticipated. "It's harder than I thought it would be."

As for his aspirations to become an actor -- "I need something more stable," replied the accounting student.

Brother Brant shares his sentiment. "It was hard work and really hot."

Brant, a University of Tulsa finance student, also was cast as a Huron. A routine day for the brothers included getting up around 3 a.m. to ride a bus to the film location 30 miles east of Ashville. "Sometimes we'd be dressed by 5 a.m. and not shoot a scene until 3 p.m.," he said, adding that over-cast skies often hampered the shooting. Brant said the Indian extras, which he estimated to be around 300, usually ate and slept while waiting.

"It was kind of fun; you got to meet a lot of Indian people, a lot of different Indian guys."

He said the extras came from Canada, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Mississippi and states throughout the nation. Around three-



Twenty-five year-old Timothy Barnett poses with other Huron extras. Barnett, third from left, a roofer and welder, was also in the movie. The full-blood Mvskoke-Cherokee-Pueblo is the son of Jackson Barnett, of Okemah, and Peggy Serracino Barnett, of Long Beach, Calif.

fourths of the extras were from Oklahoma, Brant said.

Prior to the Beavers' arrival, the Indian extras went on strike in order to get more pay per day, he said. American Indian Movement leaders Russell Means and Dennis Banks, who have large roles in the movie, led the extras in their strike. Brant said they had been working up to 12 hours per day for \$55. A direct result of the strike was a \$30 dollar increase in pay per day.

The non-Indian extras, who portrayed British soldiers, continued to receive \$55 per day, said Brant. "I guess because they didn't have any leaders like Russell Means and Dennis Banks."

Brant said the battle scene, in which they will appear, lasts five to 10 minutes on screen.

Like his brother, Brant doesn't exactly aspire to be an actor, because of the competition and lack of privacy.

"I'd like to do it again, but I wouldn't like to be an actor."

Brent and Brant are the sons of Perry and Marion Beaver of Jenks.

David Yahola has had around 10 years of experience in community theater, so naturally he answered the movie's casting call. David portrayed the role of a Sac n Fox-Osage. His costume consisted of a breechcloth, leather leggings and moccasins. His hairstyle was cut in a Mohawk and he wore war paint.

"They had people that had done a lot of research on (each tribes') body paint. You could distinguish the different tribes by certain

colors and certain marks."

He also carried a tomahawk, powder horn and blackpowder rifle.

David was an extra in the American Indian Theatre Co.'s *Black Elk Speaks*. The Tulsa-based production starred Will Sampson and David Carradine. He is also active in the Oklahoma Territory Film Commission.

The local peoples' friendliness was almost overbearing at times, David said.

"They were fascinated with the Indian people from Oklahoma, because there were so many of us from so many different tribes."

David, a carpenter, contends his acting is purely for enjoyment. "My carpentry is my work; the theater work is a good hobby and pastime."

Nineteen year-old Yuchi-Creek Lester Bucktrot portrayed both Huron and Mohican tribes. "I wouldn't mind doing it again. It was quite an experience -- for it being my first time."

Lester heard of the casting call while attending the Che Haw National Festival in

*They were fascinated with the Indian people from Oklahoma because there were so many of us from so many different tribes.*  
- David Yahola



Peyketewa



## Extras

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Georgia. Lester, who was there with Sand Creek Ceremonial Ground members, auditioned while at the festival. He is a member of the Wind clan and Kialegee Tribal Town. He is the son of Evelyn Bucktrot and Wade Bucktrot of the Sand Creek area.

Lester said the local people were friendly, although the ``redneck'' tourists seemed somewhat prejudiced.

``They'd just look at you like they'd never seen an Indian before.''

Upon their arrival, Lester said he felt the locals were intimidated by their presence, due to the lack of Indians in the area.

``But after a while, they got used to it. A couple of weeks before we left, some of the high schoolers started wearing their hair like ours.''



Lester Bucktrot is the grandson of the late Madison Bucktrot and the late Roley Buck.

Other Creeks in the movie include Jemal Peyketewa, a 22 year- old Yuchi-Creek-Zuni from Tulsa. He is an artist and the son of John Peyketewa and Marion Frances. James Moore, Tulsa, and Charles John, a Creek-Choctaw from Hilldale, were also in the movie.

## National Council changes few, significant

Commentary by Jim Wolfe  
MNN Editor

Much of the interest in the 1991 Muscogee (Creek) election has been focused on the chief and second chief contests. Rightly so.

Overlooked by many, however, is the change of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, the tribe's legislative body. Though two-thirds of the incumbents return to the Council, many of the leadership positions will have to be filled from the class of 1992.

When the Council members are given the oath of office, gone will be several key leaders who influenced, for good or ill, tribal policy and procedure.

This new Council will have to replace Speaker Ken Childers, (Tulsa District) who has conducted Council meetings for the majority of his ten years as a representative. Childers vacated his seat to run for principal chief.

Also missing for 1992 are Creek District Rep. Ed Frye, Hughes-Seminole representatives Thomas Yahola and Johnson and Robert Buck, Okmulgee District Rep. Tony Hale, McIntosh District Rep. Frank Kamp and of

course, chief-elect Bill Fife.

Frye, chairman of the Council's business and governmental services committee, arguably one of the strongest committees, joined Childers in the pursuit for the chief's office.

Yahola finished a close third in the second chief contest.

Hale too, lost his quest for the second chief's office, though he survived the primary.

The Bucks and Kamp were the only incumbents turned out of office. It is possible that incumbents Donna Rhodes (Tulsa District) and Helen Duncan (Wagoner District) could lose their undetermined respective special elections.

As representatives of their constituents, Council members are on the front line. It is them who are called for services, complaints and ideas.

Each representative must determine if he or she is to act as a delegate or trustee. Ideally, the representatives are bit of both. The Council cannot, nor should it, place every piece of legislation before the voters. There are times when a representative must place the greatest good for the greatest number of people before the

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## Hanna schools announces nine week honor roll

HANNA -- The Hanna Public Schools announces its honor roll for Indian Students. Listed below are the academic achievers by grade:

### Elementary

#### First Grade

Superintendent's Honor Roll - Vanessa Hicks  
Principal's Honor Roll - Christina Harjo

#### Second Grade

Board of Education Honor Roll - Holly Berryhill, Torie Cox, Lanita Littlehead  
Superintendent's Honor Roll - Ashley Burns  
Principal's Honor Roll - William Francis, Serena Ford

#### Third Grade

Superintendent's Honor Roll - Robyn Fogle  
Principal's Honor Roll - Chrystal Francis

#### Fourth Grade

Principal's Honor Roll - Daniel Burns

#### Fifth Grade

Board of Education Honor Roll - Rebecca Dozier

Principal's Honor Roll - Jack Spear, B.J. Jacobs

#### Sixth Grade

Superintendent's Honor Roll - Brandon Hicks  
Principal's Honor Roll - George Dozier

### Junior High School

#### Seventh Grade

Superintendent's Honor Roll - Kellie Proctor

#### Eighth Grade

Superintendent's Honor Roll - Charity Cox  
Principal's Honor Roll - Melissa Smith

### High School

#### Ninth Grade

Superintendent's Honor Roll - Rance Fogle  
Tenth Grade

Board of Education Honor Roll - Bonnie Dozier

Principal's Honor Roll - Shane Berry, Michael Odom

#### Twelfth Grade

Board of Education Honor Roll - Cheritha Dozier

Superintendent Honor Roll - Ricky Harjo, Cary Morgan

Principal's Honor Roll - Huey Buckley



## Seminole announce program guidelines for elders and students

WEWOKA -- The General Council of the Seminole Nation passed two new program ordinances Nov. 16, that provide funds for both the elderly assistance and higher education scholarship programs.

The elderly assistance program will provide an assistance payment to enrolled Seminole members aged 55 and over. Three age brackets have been included and payment amount will depend on the age bracket the Seminole member falls under.

The brackets are:

- age 55-64, \$1000 payment;
- age 65-74, \$2,000 payment; and
- age 75 and over, \$3,000 payment.

As each person enters the next age bracket, they will be eligible for an additional \$1,000 payment to fulfill the eligible amount of their age bracket. Applications for this program are currently being taken at the Seminole Nation Complex in Wewoka.

To be eligible for the scholarship program, students must be pursuing a degree at an institute of higher learning. Students attending vocational or technical training programs are also eligible. This program is designed to aid students with the rising cost of tuition, books, etc.

Two important factors will determine the amount each student receives -- type of school and length of training. Applications for this program will be taken in mid-December through mid-January 1992.

For more information about judgement fund programs write: Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Judgement Fund Programs, P.O. Box 480, Wewoka, OK 74884.

## Community briefs

WILSON -- Wilson Indian Community, G.O.D.S. (grandparents of daycare students) and P.O.D.S. (parents of daycare students) will host a Christmas Party, Dec. 14th, 7-9 p.m. at the Wilson Indian Community Day Care. Please come and celebrate Christmas with us.

OKMULGEE -- Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Elderly Nutrition Program Christmas Dinners are scheduled for Dec. 20, 1991 at Eufaula, Bristow, Koweta, Dewar, Wetumka and Okmulgee. Elderly and volunteers are welcome. The staff of the elderly programs wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## Creek hits century mark



Celia Campbell, shown here with her great-grandson, Tysen Manross, upon his turn from the Persian Gulf, turns 100 years old on Dec. 28. She was born in Checotah, Oklahoma to Jenny (Doyle) and Ed Pittman. She now lives in Canon City, Colo.

## Creek Nation births

### Kendall Holland Harper

Kendall Holland Harper was born Aug. 29, to Timothy Eugene and Caroline Jamison Harper of Tulsa. Kendall weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 20.5 inches at birth. Harper is the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Gaming Commissioner. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herman E. Harper of Wewoka and Dr. and Mrs. William Harper of Phoenix, Ariz.



Harper

### Mark Back II

Mark Back II celebrated his first birthday in October. Mark is the son of Stephanie and Mark Back of Glenpool. Maternal grandparents are Melba Williams of Glenpool and Joe Skeeter of Liberty. Paternal grandparents are Jerry and Margaret Back of Tulsa.



Back

### Joshua Taylor Roberts

Joshua Taylor Roberts was born Sept. 5 to Sharon Jones and Kendall Roberts, both of

Seminole, at Valley View Hospital in Ada. Roberts weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20.5 inches.

Maternal grandparents are Tarpie and Amy Yargee of Seminole. Maternal great-grandmother is Hazel

Tiger of Okemah and the late Joe Jones. Paternal grandparents include Velma Coker of Seminole, and Kay Roberts of Okmulgee. Paternal great-grandparents are Stella Roberts and the late Cainey Roberts of Nuyaka and Sarah Sewell of Seminole.



Roberts

## Graduations

### Efurd receives degree

NORMAN -- Angela Efurd has received her master's degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma. She is employed as an academic counselor in the college of business administration at OU. Efurd is the daughter of Bonnie and



Efurd

Arlene Efurd of Beggs and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Efurd of Dayton, Ark., the late Beulah Efurd, Lucille and the late Walter Factor of Okmulgee.



## Creek Nation obituaries

**KENNY LYN BUNNER**

OKMULGEE -- Kenny Lyn Bunner, 20, of Okmulgee, died Nov. 22, following an automobile accident near Glenpool. Bunner was born Jan. 27, 1971 in Ft. Riley, Kan.

He was a 1989 graduate of Wilson High School. Bunner was employed at Creek Nation Bingo in Tulsa. He was a member of the Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church. Survivors include his parents, Kenneth M. and Grace Bunner of Okmulgee; two brothers, Keith Ryan and Jared Lance Bunner of the home; one sister, Angela Bunner of the home; maternal grandmother, Nora R. Cheek of Okemah; paternal grandmother, Ethel Bunner of Glenpool; and great-grandmother, Susie E. Foster of Okemah.

Funeral services were held Nov. 25 at the Quarsardy Indian Baptist Church, south of Cromwell. Rev. Jake Marshall officiated. Pallbearers were: Shawn Williams, Randy Cusher, Bobby Cusher, Zack Torbett, Bill Kolakowski and Dennis Kolakowski. Honorary pallbearers were: Tom Harjo, Bryan McGertt, Shawn McGertt and Tim Shirley.

**JOAN DUNN**

OKMULGEE -- Mrs. Joan Dunn, 69, a lifetime resident of Okmulgee, died Nov. 16. Mrs. Dunn was born April 30, 1922 in Okmulgee.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley Dunn, in 1979. Mrs. Dunn was a longtime-member of the Honey Creek Methodist Church.

Survivors include: five sons, Thomas E. Dunn, Okmulgee, George C. Dunn and Wesley S. Dunn Jr., both of Morris, Otis A. Dunn, Sapulpa, Richard M. Dunn, Lawton; two daughters, Kathy Haney, Morris and Josephine Wells, Shawnee; two brothers, George Sunny, Okmulgee, Tom Sunny, Catoosa; three sisters, Betty Woodfield, Mary Sunny and Peggy Chalakee, all of Okmulgee; 24 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Dunn was preceded in death by one son, Johnny L. Dunn, in 1979 and one daughter, Mary Ann Dunn, in 1944. Also preceding her in death were two sisters, Josephine Sunny, in 1987, and Isabel Hardridge, in 1985, and one brother, Rev. Eugene R. Sunny in 1987.

Funeral services were held Nov. 20 at the Honey Creek Methodist Church, Rev. Thomas Long and Rev. Willie Gooden officiated the service.

## State arts council begins new program

OKLAHOMA CITY -- The State Arts Council of Oklahoma, in cooperation with the Oklahoma Folklife Council and with funding support from the National Endowment for the Arts, is sponsoring a Folk Arts Apprenticeship Program targeting Indian communities of the state. The apprenticeship program will allow a master traditional artist the opportunity to work with an apprentice in order to perpetuate skills within their shared community.

The apprenticeship program encourages the sharing of those traditions by providing support for travel, supplies and compensation for the tradition bearers who agree to teach apprentices.

## Eligibility requirements:

-- applicants to the program should be committed to the apprenticeship and have acceptance within their tribal group as either a master of potential apprentice.

-- applicants must be legal residents of Oklahoma

-- students or persons enrolled in arts-related degree programs are not eligible to apply

-- applicants may submit only one apprenticeship application per project period

-- applicants must design their proposed plan to fit into the eight-month granting period (1/15/92-9/15/92). Masters and their apprentices may not reapply in the next project period.

## Evaluation criteria:

-- quality of work both master teacher and apprentice. Apprentice must not be a complete novice, but must demonstrate a degree of proficiency satisfactory to the master

-- significance of skill to be perpetuated within the tribal group

-- sufficient time for the apprenticeship to achieve meaningful results

-- demonstrated commitment by both parties to the apprenticeship arrangement.

## How to apply-

-- master and apprentice should complete the application form, typewritten or printed in ink, and submit by Dec. 20, 1991 to Dayna Bowker Lee, Folk Arts Coordinator, State Arts Council of Oklahoma, Jim Thorpe Bldg. Rm 640, Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4987.

If there are questions concerning application, call 405/521-2931.

-- if the application concerns crafts traditions, please submit 4-6 slides or black and white photographs showing examples of work by both the master and the apprentice. Photos/slides will be returned.

The Folk Arts Coordinator will evaluate applications for adherence to guidelines and submit them for evaluation to the panel to review the apprenticeship applications. Eight \$2,000 apprenticeships will be funded in 1992. Apprenticeship projects which are funded will begin January 15, 1992 and must be completed by September 15, 1992.

## Religion in Brief

YARDEKA -- Hickory Ground Tribal Town will begin holding bingo games at the Yardeka Indian Community Center.

The games will be held at 7 p.m., on the first Saturday of each month, until May. Concessions will be available by 5:30 p.m.

CHECOTAH -- Deep Fork Hillabee Baptist Church is holding an Indian taco dinner at the Checotah Indian Community bingo hall.

The dinner will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 13. The \$3 dinner includes a drink and dessert.

## Indian Affairs Commission hosting tribal leaders summit

OKLAHOMA CITY -- The Oklahoma City Tribal Leaders Summit is scheduled for Jan. 13-17 at the Commonwealth Park Hotel in Oklahoma City.

Sponsored by the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission and the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, the summit is for policy makers involved with tribal governments.

## Letter of Thanks

The family of Randy Lunsford would like to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the many acts of kindness that were extended to us at the time of the loss of our beloved son, brother and friend. Your kindness will never be forgotten. We would like to extend a special thanks to Schumacher Funeral Home, Bristow Indian Community, Creek Nation, Berniece Hale of Okmulgee, Brother Willis Baldrige of the Okmulgee Penecostal Church, Bama Pie employees and also to the many neighbors and friends.

The family of Randy Lunsford.

Among the issues to be discussed are sovereignty, tribal courts, the Indian Civil Rights Act, economic planning and others.

Early registration for the summit is \$50 and on-site registration is \$75. Daily registration is \$25. Registration should be sent to Wanda Stone, UINO treasurer, c/o Kaw Nation, P.O. Box 50, Kaw City, OK, 74641.



## In Brief

### Chief Justice receives governor's award

**EUFULA** -- The chief justice of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is the recipient of the George Nigh Mayor's Award for contributions to the state's arts.

Joe Johnson, Eufaula city mayor, was recognized for his efforts to support the arts and tourism within the state of Oklahoma. Johnson received his award at a special presentation at the state capitol in Oklahoma City.

He is credited with the development of Posey Park, named after Creek poet-journalist Alexander Posey, the Eufaula Main Street Program and assistance to the Eufaula Memorial Library.

Johnson was appointed to the tribal Supreme Court in 1987 and began his tenure as chief justice in 1990.

### Dormitory students organize youth club

**EUFULA** -- The secondary students at the Eufaula Dormitory have formed The Proud Warriors. The goals of the club are to deal with the concerns for Indian youth. The club intends to develop a video dealing with substance abuse. Officers of the club are: Juanita Telles, president; Raymond Casarez, vice-president; Hanna Tiger, secretary; Jonna McPhail, reporter; and Nena Fletcher, treasurer. Club sponsor is Eric Tiger, the drug and alcohol counselor, and Donna Anderson of the Indian Health Service. The club colors are blue and white.

### Tulsa Red Cross sponsors art contest

**TULSA** -- The Tulsa Chapter of the American Red Cross, the national marrow donor program (NMDP), and the American Indian Heritage Center are sponsoring a competition for American Indian artists. Winning artworks will be featured on nationally distributed posters to be used in the recruitment of Native Americans to the national marrow donor registry.

The national marrow donor registry is comprised of individuals who have been tissue-typed as potential bone marrow donors. Half the people needing transplants are children and young adults 25 and under. Because tissue-type is an inherited trait, one is much more likely to find a match within one's own racial group: In-

To the Creek people:

On behalf of the National Council, I would like to extend to you best wishes for a Merry Christmas and for health and prosperity in the New Year. It has been my joy and privilege to serve you. Mvto.

Ken Childers, Speaker, Muscogee (Creek) National Council

dian patients need Indian donors.

With this in mind, the theme of the contest is "Giving, Sharing, Healing: An Indian Way of Life." The competition is limited to Native American artists and includes a \$600 prize for the winning entry in the adult division and \$200 in the student division.

Tentative plans are to hold the exhibit during the last week of January, 1992. Contest rules and other specific details are being finalized and packets will be mailed in early December. For more information, contact Teresa McClendon, American Red Cross, (918) 831-1201, or Curtis Zunigha, American Indian Heritage Center, (918) 585-8444.

### Tulsa attorney receives national appointment

**TULSA** -- Local attorney Susan Work has been selected to serve as the secretary for the Indian Law Section, composed of attorneys with special interests in Indian law or who have an Indian law practice. Current projects of the organization include planning for legal education events pertaining to Indian law and distribution of a newsletter to members of the section.

Work currently represents the Seminole Nation and the housing authority of the Sac and Fox Nation. She also has a general law practice in Ada, with emphasis on federal Indian law. A 1976 graduate of the Oklahoma University College of Law and former director of Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Work now resides in Seminole.

### Former tribal employee appointed to health service

**PORTLAND, Ore.** -- James Floyd, associate director of the Portland Area Indian Health Service, has been selected to serve a six-month detail from the IHS to the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C.

During the six month period, Floyd will serve as an administrative policy advisor on health issues to the committee. U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) is committee chair. Sen. Don Nickels (R-Oklahoma) is also a committee member.

The committee is the leading advocate for Indian affairs in Washington and is involved in

a wide range of legislative issues affecting Indian people, including tribal sovereignty, courts, health care, education, forestry, water rights, child welfare, and energy and commerce in Indian country.

Floyd, was employed by the Creek Nation from 1978 through 1986. As community services director, Floyd managed health programs, child welfare, food distribution, housing rehabilitations, and tribally funded programs.

He is the son of Margaret and the late Joe Floyd from Eufaula. He and his family reside in Washington, D.C. and will return to Portland in April.

### NASF announces scholarships available

**ALBUQUEQUE, NM** -- The Native American Scholarship Fund is awarding more than \$300,000 in scholarship funds for 1991-92. It awarded \$95,750 last fall and will have over \$200,000 for scholarship awards. Applications are being accepted all year.

Any enrolled member of a federally-recognized tribe is eligible to apply for scholarship assistance.

The priorities for the fund are math, engineering, science, business, education and computer science. Graduates and undergraduates may apply for funds. Applicants should be high performing students with a desire for service to Indian tribes upon graduation.

The NASF is located at 3620 Wyoming Blvd, N.E., Suite 206, Albuquerque, NM 87111, or phone (505) 275-9788.

### Genealogy search

**Editor:**

We are trying to update the family tree of John McIntosh (roll no. 6300), the son of Chilly McIntosh.

We need to hear from any of the descendants for the following: children of Sarah Watsne McIntosh-Amos, McIntosh and Alexander McIntosh. Lydia Steele McIntosh's daughter, Kogee McIntosh Fyffe. Salina Lowe McIntosh's daughter, Elizabeth McIntosh King and Mary Wesley McIntosh's daughter, Dora Minerola McIntosh Deere.

Write to this address: Siah and Lillie McIntosh, 1328 N. Braden, Tulsa, OK 74115



## Santa

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season begins in the middle of November. He covers most of Creek Country, from Tulsa to Holdenville, visiting hospitals, schools and preschools.

"I got my route pretty well laid out and (those) little kids are looking for me every year. I go a little further and a little further every year," he said through his tattered white beard.

On one of his three seasonal trips to Tulsa, Ellis was stopped 50 times by motorists who ranged from mothers, to college students, to people that were just curious.

Ellis and his convertible, a fire red "sleigh", stick to the highways to avoid altercations with the law.

"In a lot of places, I've had policemen follow me across town, but I've never been stopped." He attributes this attention to criminals who wear Santa suits while robbing stores.

When children question his use of a ve-

hicle, which he refers to as his "sleigh," he reasons, "when it's dry weather and I don't have snow, I've got me a pickup.

"A child doesn't look at you like you got on a uniform, in their eyes, they only see Santa Claus."

Ellis states proudly his trips are self-supported. This Christmas marks his fifth season as Santa.

"No one sponsors me; I do it all on my own. I usually carry a bag of candy, what I can afford, it's not a whole lot, but I manage to have a little candy."

Despite the weather, his age and being a diabetic, the Twin Hills-area resident is on the road every day he feels well. He contends this is what keeps him young.

"I don't consider myself old, but my wife (Laurabell) is real concerned -- when I get out and go places. But I don't worry about it, we're

all gonna do it (die) someday."

Naturally, his son Michael is heir to the suit.

"When I die, my son will take over this business," said Ellis, adding that his son often goes with him and wants to take over.

Ellis said he and his thirteen brothers and sisters never quit believing in Santa Claus.

"I believe in Santa Claus like I believe in God. And if you don't believe in at least one of them, your in trouble," he laughed.

Ellis said trips such as a recent visit to a hospitalized, 104 year-old Creek patient, justify his mission.

"He said, 'I never thought I'd live to see another Santa.' I asked him if he wanted a sucker and he reached up for it, the nurse told me that's the most she'd ever seen him move.

"It makes you feel good inside to know you've made them happy."

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specific interests of a particular community.

According to the tribal Constitution, the Council has separate, distinct powers that must be developed, practiced and observed if a government is to function as sovereign.

Included in the powers and responsibilities are budget and contract approval, legislation, appropriations and some policy decisions.

The separation of powers has been the source of much controversy, particularly in the last three years. This resulted in stagnation that has prevented the tribal government from addressing real needs. Executive and legislative functions became territorial with both groups and, all too often, the distinction was blurred.

The past administration seemed reluctant to cooperate with the Council and in some instances, refused to recognize its Constitutional authority.

The Council, too, lapsed into an us-versus-them mentality, rejecting proposals simply because the administration offered or supported a particular item.

Fife, as a soon-to-be former member of the Council, has pledged he will seek the advice and consent of the Council for tribal policy and political appointments.

In federal and state governments, a new chief executive, particularly if he is elected by a significant margin, enjoys a honeymoon with the legislature.

Council will treat the Fife administration during his first few months in office. Fife should understand the need to communicate his ideas with the people that must approve them.

The new Council will preview its intent when it replaces its leadership in January.

## Fife

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organized so that it is manageable and that it can meet the needs of the people."

Planning is a significant part of Fife's transition. He says he wants to encourage ideas and solutions to address some of the problems facing the tribe and for innovation.

"Planning is the most important aspect of government," Fife said. "We need to develop something within (my) administration so that we can update the comprehensive plan daily and yearly."

Specifically, Fife says he will use his first month in office to make appointments and to begin looking for funds through the federal register and grants.

Fife said he is also aware of the demand that will be made of him as principal chief. He's also aware of the possibilities.

"There is a lot of work to do," Fife said. "I'm ready to lead us in a new direction."

Fife will take the oath of office Jan. 4 in Okmulgee. He will assume the duties of chief Jan. 6.

## Crow

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She was appointed to the health board in 1989. This was her first attempt at an elected office.

"I learned more on the campaign trail than I did in any college class," Crow said. "I learned quite a bit about our people by going to their homes.

"I've put 35,000 miles on my car since Memorial Day."

Crow said she would like for all people to be involved with the tribe. She said her experiences while campaigning made her even more aware of the tribe's diversity.

"There are people in churches, in tribal towns and in the ceremonial grounds that have ideas and needs," Crow said. "I also want to see people in the cities and outside the boundaries have input into (tribal operations)."

Crow said she intends to develop a working relationship with Principal Chief-elect Bill Fife.

"I think it's obvious from the results of the chief's race that the people want change," Crow said. "I will work with him at whatever he wants me to do."

Crow said she will use her position as second chief to be an advocate for the people with regard to services and assistance, particularly in health care.

Crow will be inaugurated Jan. 4, along with the chief and the members of the National Council. She will assume her duties as second chief Jan. 6.

It is difficult to forecast how the 1992-93



# Rv'fo Cuse (Winter's Younger Brother) January

Net'tv-ca'ko SUNDAY	Mv'nte MONDAY	Tu'ste TUESDAY	Net'tvca'kuce-en nvrkvp'v WEDNESDAY	Rv'ste THURSDAY	Fli'te FRIDAY	Nettv-ca'ko-cu'se SATURDAY
■ Listed by date and time are chartered community meetings			<b>1</b> Tribal offices closed New Year's	<b>2</b> Okemah, 7 p.m.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Inauguration Okmulgee
	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Kellyville, 7 p.m. Muskogee, 7:30 p.m. Wetumka, 7 p.m.	<b>7</b> Tulsa, 6:30 p.m. Okla. City, 7 p.m. Okfuskee, 7 p.m.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Sapulpa, 7 p.m. Hanna, 7 p.m. Okmulgee, 7 p.m.	<b>14</b> Checotah, 6 p.m. Glenpool, 6:30 p.m.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Okemah, 7 p.m.	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Bristow, 7 p.m. Holdenville, 7 p.m. Wilson, 7 p.m. Koweta, 7:30 p.m.	<b>21</b> Dewar, 7:30 p.m. Duck Creek, 7 p.m.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Yardeka, 7:30 p.m.	<b>27</b> Weleetka, 7 p.m.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Eufaula, 7 p.m.	<b>31</b> National Council Meeting 10 p.m.

MNN February deadline: Jan. 17

## Commodity distribution

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Commodity Program makes stops at 12 Indian community centers monthly.

Distribution sites include:

Hanna	Second Tuesday
Koweta	First and third Tuesday
Eufaula	First and third Thursday
Okemah	First and third Wednesday
Holdenville	First and third Tuesday
Weleetka	Fourth Tuesday
Wetumka	Second Thursday
Checotah	Second and fourth Thursday
Dewar	Second and fourth Wednesday
Glenpool	First and third Wednesday
*Bristow	First and third Thursday
**Kellyville	First and third Thursday

Times: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\* 9 a.m.-noon.

\*\* 1 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, or an application contact the: Commodity Food Distribution Program, Creek Nation Complex, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447, or phone (918) 756-3467.

## Tribal phone numbers

### Creek Nation Administration

P.O. Box 580  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 756-8700  
Fax: (918) 756-3340

### Departments/ Extensions

Principal Chief  
Claude Cox, 200  
Acting Executive Dir.  
Pat Presson, 204  
Tribal Affairs  
Woody Anderson, 270

### National Council

Speaker: Ken Childers  
P.O. Box 158  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 758-1410, 1415, 1416

### Children and Family Services

313 W. Eighth  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 756-2112

### Judicial Branch

P.O. Box 652  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 758-1400 or 1412

### Creek Nation Housing Authority

P.O. Box 297  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
Phone: (918) 756-8504  
Fax: (918) 756-9218

### Commodity Warehouse

Manager: Charley LaSarge  
1008 Eufaula St.  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 756-2917, 3467 or 3002

### Creek Nation Health Care System

Creek Nation Community Hospital, Okemah  
(918) 623-1424  
Okmulgee Dental Clinic  
(918) 756-8700, ext. 247, 254  
Creek Nation Community Hospital Clinic, Okemah  
(918) 623-0555  
Sapulpa Indian Health Clinic  
(918) 224-9310  
Eufaula Indian Health Clinic  
(918) 689-2547